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# Elected officials' pay hike nets contrasting opinions

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Cheri Winslow, right, holds an outreach session for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Dec. 1.
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By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres believes that increasing the salaries of CNMI elected officials would attract more qualified people to run for office. Others have cried foul, saying the House of Representatives violated the CNMI Constitution when it passed a measure to increase the salaries of elected officials.

The measure, House Bill 19-3, passed the House last Tuesday on a 15-5 vote. It was introduced by House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) based on the recommendation of a 2016 report by an Advisory Commission on Elected Official Compensation. The commission submitted its report

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## House leadership up for grabs

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The incoming NMI Republican Party supermajority at the House of Representatives would make it easier to push key legislation that would support the programs and other plans of the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. Republicans grabbed 15 of the 20 seats at stake in the House with the independent bloc taking up the remaining slots.

The GOP also controls the Senate, led by Senate President Francisco Borja, Senate vice president Arnold Palacios, Sens. Sixto K. Igisomar, Jude Hofschneider, Francisco Cruz, Steve Mesngon, and Teresita Santos. Sens. Justo Quitugua and Paul Manglona are independents.

Torres welcomed the GOP-led Legislature, adding that the incoming House speaker could expect his administration's full support. "Right now, we understand that the majority caucus is deliberating and that a vote for speakership will be apparent and official on Jan. 9."

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, in an earlier interview when he was the acting governor for almost two weeks, said it is time for CNMI leaders to be united in order to solve critical issues in the

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## 'Improve screening of pregnant tourists

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Most airlines flying to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport allow pregnant women of up to 32 weeks to board their aircraft without being required to provide a medical certificate.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota), however, wants the airlines to be stricter in enforcing this policy and is concerned at how loose the policies are.

Santos, who chairs the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, believes that this is one of the reasons why tourist births in the CNMI are so high.

"Airlines shall strictly enforce the 'flying restrictions during pregnancy policy.' Any airline caught in violation of such

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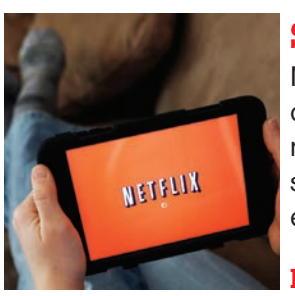


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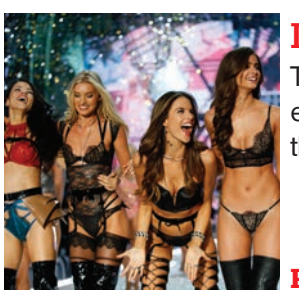

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# Local

## Guerrero: No discrimination under his term

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero has assured no discrimination in terms of promotions under his command.

Guerrero said that promotions are based on the department's need and the people who deserve it.

"It's almost a year now that we have done promotions. But we did across-the-board promotions. It wasn't one or two," he said.

If somebody at the department got promoted, it is because they applied for the position that they fairly earned, he said.

"But other than that, we haven't. We did mass promotions across the board to everybody," he said.

Guerrero discussed promotion practices when asked for comments pertaining to police captain Lawrence M. Camacho's lawsuit, accusing DPS and the Civil Service Commission of discriminating against him by not selecting him to the post of police director despite being qualified for the position.

Guerrero said the issue raised by Camacho happened before his time so he does not know much about that case.

Guerrero said if there is indeed a deficient system that will come out from that case, it's going to be lesson-learned for the department.

"I want to make sure that it doesn't re-occur," he said.

Guerrero said people are free to talk to any officers and ask their opinion on how the promotions have been implemented under his term. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## Korean Air passenger in beer fight gets 2-year prison term

**HAGATNA, Guam** (AP)— A Guam judge has ordered more than two years prison time for a Korean Air passenger who pleaded guilty to fighting with a flight attendant who refused to serve him beer, but gave lawyers until Wednesday to assess whether he could serve it in home confinement instead of behind bars.

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Tuesday gave Kwon Woo Sung a three-year sentence but gave him credit for the seven months he already served under house arrest and federal detention, *The Pacific Daily News* reported.

Kwon, a South Korean dentist, had pleaded guilty to interfering with flight crew members and attendants on an April flight from Seoul to Guam.

# Christmas in the Marianas kicks off tomorrow, Dec. 3

The Marianas Visitors Authority, PDM Promoters, Inc., Team PDI, and other travel partners kick off Christmas in the Marianas tomorrow evening, Dec. 3, at Paseo de Marianas in downtown Garapan, Saipan.

The monthlong celebration offers weekly holiday entertainment for visitors and residents, alike. This year, the event will be held on the first three Saturdays of the month and then the last two Fridays.

At the pedestrian mall, schools have already begun decorating their trees. The annual school-wide Christmas tree decoration competition official begins on Saturday at 6pm, along with the official lighting of the large Christmas tree. The school trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall throughout the month. Also, elementary school students will sing their hearts out at the annual Christmas caroling competition.

"Everyone is invited to our opening night on Saturday as we begin Christmas in the Marianas, highlighted by the lighting of the Christmas tree at Paseo de Marianas at 6pm," said MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo. "And it's really remarkable what the schools do with their Christmas tree decorations, so that's something you don't want to miss."

On Dec. 10, middle school students will continue with the Christmas caroling competition, and high schools will compete in the skit competition. On Dec. 17, the Parade of Floats will be held around sunset from the Carolinian Affairs Office in Garapan along Beach Road to American Memorial Park, followed by a costume show. Awards for all competitions will also be made. The event will run from 6pm to 10pm for the first three Saturdays.

Dec. 23 and 30 will have live performances at Paseo de Marianas. The Japanese Mochitsuki Festival will be held on Dec. 30, marking the poundingof rice to make "mochi,"a traditional event in preparation for the new year. The event will run from 6pm to 9pm for the final two Fridays.

Participating schools are Oleai Elementary, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary, Kagman Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Saipan Southern High, Marianas High, Kagman High, Tanapag Middle School, Dan Dan Middle School, Agape Christian School, Green Meadow School, Grace Christian Academy, Northern Marianas International School, and Mt. Carmel School.

For more information on the event, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 670.664.3200/1. ***(PR)***

Holiday messages from children of Rota and Tinian will greet revelers at the Marianas Visitors Authority's Christmas in the Marianas at Paseo de Marianas on Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, and 30, 2016.

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Christmas trees decorated by school children will be featured at Paseo de Marianas throughout the holiday season as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Christmas in the Marianas. The event will be held on Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, and 30, 2016, and kicks off Dec. 3 with a Christmas tree lighting at 6pm.

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# USCIS holds outreach sessions

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Members of the community came in droves to attend the immigration and naturalization outreach sessions presented by community relation officers Cheri Winslow, from Guam, and Kamana Mathur, from Hawaii, across the island yesterday.

The two employees of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services talked about the I-9 Form that employers will have to complete for every person they are going to hire, how to complete it, how to avoid discrimination during the processing of the form, what documents are essential to prove a person's identity, and one's ability to work legally in the United States.

Mathur also provided information on various visa types and categories, an overview of the green card process, and will discuss the naturalization process.

The presentations were intended to educate employers on the various types of immigration documents that employees are required to present, how and when to ask for those documents, how to complete the I-9, how to attain it, and how to handle the whole process without discriminating against any individual.

An I-9 Form is used for verifying the identity and employment authorization of individuals hired for employment in the United States. Both employees and employers (or authorized representatives of the employer) must complete the form. On the form, an employee must attest to his or her employment authorization.

One attendee, Christina Indalecio, said, "I am looking forward to the meeting. I want to learn more about the immigration processes here [United States] and maybe even be able to inform any future employers about it."

Eight outreach sessions were held on Saipan while six were held in Guam.

Mathur said, "It's important for an employer to properly complete the I-9 Form because it is a requirement by law that every employer complete this document for every employee, regardless of nationality."

"They [employers] need to know how to do it, there's a new form I wanted to highlight so that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services can provide good information to various individuals on how they need to comply with immigration and anti-discrimination laws. It's also vital for individuals to know how to get a green card and learn more about the immigration process," Mathur said.

CW visas and H-2B visas were not discussed at yesterday's meeting.

Yesterday's USCIS presentations were held at the USCIS Application Support Center in Garapan, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and with the Saipan Chinese Association.

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policy shall be penalized at the maximum including revocation of its license to fly and/or incarceration if the infant is born with physical or mental defects due to airline screening radiation exposure, cabin pressure altitude or other health risks associated when travelling during pregnancy," she said.

Jin Air, Philippine Airlines, Eastar Jet, and Jeju Air are among the airlines that provide some form of declaration of indemnity. A declaration of indemnity is a letter of acceptance of risks involved with traveling via aircraft so that if anything happens to the baby during the flight, it is not the fault of the airline.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) also wants airlines to be stricter when it comes to pregnant travelers for the safety of the child.

"We're urging the airlines that they have to be vigilant, they have to screen their passengers carefully, because there are certain times in the pregnancy process where you are not eligible to fly," said Demapan, who chairs the House Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee.

"There is a lot of effort being done in the CNMI by both U.S. Customs and Border Protection and local enforcement but the very important part is to get the airlines to have more stringent enforcement at the source country before they depart," added Demapan.

In one notable incident, a woman was refused entry to Saipan because of her being pregnant; her husband was allowed to enter, however. She later sued CBP but the case was ultimately dropped.

Demapan reiterated that amendment of the law may prove to be tricky and that the real challenge lies in preventing birth tourism without discriminating against pregnant travelers.

"The big question is how do we make a decision that is aimed at curbing this circumvention of the law, but also ensure that that decision is not discriminating," said Demapan.

"The policy may backfire. There are human rights advocates and there are human rights that need to be followed," he added.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion recognized the issue but also pointed out that airline activities are legal.

"We are aware of the concerns being raised by members of the public and industry partners on the rise in visitor births in the CNMI. Our representative offices in Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Russia, and the Philippines are communicating with our partners on the ground to ensure all CNMI and U.S. laws are being followed," he said.

"Airlines, industry stakeholders, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have a responsibility to ensure that all guests arriving into the CNMI are properly vetted and screened. It becomes a gray area when we start dealing with pregnant women since we're not medical experts able to tell what trimester a pregnant woman is in. And as far as I can recall from my experience in the airline industry, most U.S. carriers have no restrictions on pregnant passengers as long as their doctors give them the green light [a medical clearance] to travel," he added.

"Doctors and other medical professionals are best able to determine a woman's ability to fly on an aircraft, not the airline agent at the check-in counter or Customs and Border Patrol officers," said Concepcion.

Asiana Airlines has a policy that allows pregnant travelers of up to 36 weeks to travel without providing medical clearance.

Jin Air has a policy that allows women of up to 32 weeks pregnant to travel, as long as they sign a declaration of indemnity releasing Jin Air from responsibility should anything happen to the unborn baby. For travelers pregnant by more than 32 weeks but less than 36 weeks, travel is only allowed if a medical certificate provided by a doctor can be presented. Travel is prohibited for pregnancies 37 weeks and beyond.

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to the House speaker's office last Nov. 10.

Torres said that, according to the commission's study, people who seek positions for public office do not run because of a certain salary. "The guiding principle for the commission's recommendations was to attract a diverse array of individuals with outstanding and necessary ability to address the prevailing issues facing the CNMI now and for the future."

The advisory commission, Torres said, looked at several compensation options and connected them with national and regional data.

He said the commission compared the salaries of all elected officials in the CNMI to those in the other jurisdictions of the United States and the region. "Although duties and responsibilities of state and territorial positions are similar, problems, issues, and priorities encountered by elected officials can significantly vary."

"The commission noted that in researching the salaries of officials throughout the U.S. and its territories and commonwealths, there was a clear wage range pursued by other jurisdictions."

He said the salary needed to be consistent with the value of the monetary unit to maintain a wage commensurate with their respective offices. "Under the U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary policy, the U.S. dollar is intentionally placed in a devaluating schedule to promote reasonable inflation targets, spending, and to avert deflationary pressures on consumers and suppliers."

"The calculation of the value of the USD is provided monthly and annually and presented as the Consumer Price Index."

Torres said the governor's salary in the territories and commonwealths range from a low of $70,000 (CNMI) to a high of $150,000 (U.S. Virgin Islands). CNMI legislators also have the lowest salary at $39,300 compared to Guam at $85,000. The national average salary of lawmakers in the U.S. is $69,448.

The commission also used smaller surveys that showed that $62,000 is the average salary of a mayor and used that figure as a reference for the proposed $75,000 increase from $43,200.

The growing complexity of problems facing the CNMI government, a comparison of compensation with similar positions around the U.S and with positions of similar responsibility in the public and private sectors, the financial condition of the CNMI, the outlook for its economy, and the current cost of living are the criteria used by the commission.

### Public opposition

House Bill 19-3 would give elected officials in the Commonwealth an 80-percent salary increase.

Local activist Glenn D. Hunter said the House's move had many constitutional violations, including the Open Government Act.

"Members of the public were unable to review or comment on the version of bill that was passed. [Those] who were re-elected should not have been able to vote on the measure," said Hunter, who is among the members of the community that opposed the bill's passage.

Independent Reps. B.J. Attao, Edwin K. Propst, Vinnie F. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul of the minority bloc voted against the passing of HB 19-3. They questioned the bill's constitutionality, since Article II Section 5-b of the CNMI Constitution states "a bill shall be confined to one subject except for bills for appropriations or bills for the codification, revision or rearrangement of existing laws."

Hunter also cited Section 15: Conduct of Members where "a member of the legislature who has a financial or personal interest in a bill before the legislature shall disclose that interest and may not debate on or vote on the bill."

"The constitution mandates that any raise must not be greater than the [consumer price index] change since the last salary adjustment in 1991. My best analysis shows about a 40-percent change in CPI since 1991 to present. It would have been needed by the commission to arrive at the 80-percent increase suggested."

He added that House members who voted to pass the measure "attempted to evade the OGA by amending the 5 percent civil service bill to include their 80-percent increase. That is extremely disturbing. The public didn't get a chance to see, discuss or opine on such a drastic personal increase."

Hunter said the Constitution was specific in terms of CPI: "No change in the salary may be made that exceeds the percentage change in an accepted composite price index for the period since the last change."

"And there is no way that any re-elected representative that will receive the 80-percent raise can sidestep Section 15."

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Commonwealth.

"There's nothing more that I can say with a GOP-led Legislature. It's time to come together so we could address critical issues and other pending problems in our community. Land compensation and providing additional assistance on the basic needs of our people are among the biggest concerns that needs more attention," said Hocog.

### House leadership

Ranking officials of the local GOP are now talking about the composition of the incoming leadership at the House of Representatives. The House speakership is being discussed and there are reports that House Speaker Rafael Demapan has already locked up the post. The Republicans met yesterday to reach an agreement.

Demapan, who is vocal in seeking the House speakership, said they could easily choose a speaker with the supermajority. "We can elect a speaker within the group. It only takes 11 votes or a simple majority to elect a speaker."

"With the supermajority, I'm sure it would unite the House and with the support of the minority, we can move critical legislation that would address issues in the CNMI. Whoever is the new speaker, the House will work and throw its support."

There are reports that Demapan already has eight votes.

### GOP lawmakers

House Vice Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Reps. Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, and Gregorio M. Sablan are the GOP lawmakers in Precinct 1, joining independent Edwin K. Propst.

Former press secretary Ivan A. Blanco is one of six who would represent Precinct 3 along with Blas Jonathan T. Attao and Edmund S. Villagomez of the minority bloc, and Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, and Jose I. Itibus.

Demapan and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair John Paul P. Sablan, both Republicans, will again represent Precinct 2, while GOP newcomer Alice S. Igitol will be joining independent Vinson Edward F. Sablan in Precinct 4.

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Francisco C. Aguon clinched the Precinct 5 seats, while Reps. Edwin P. Aldan (Tinian) and Glenn L. Maratita (Rota) retained their House seats. Aguon, Aldan, and Maratita are under the GOP ticket.

# Finalists chosen from over 350 photo contest entries

Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. received over 350 entries for its Cultural Heritage Month photo contest. At 2pm on Monday, winners will be named in a ceremony that will be held at the Azucena Room of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

This project encourages the youth's involvement by having them submit photos depicting their personal definition and interpretation of what culture means.

The finalists for the High School Division are Karen Agulto of Marianas High School, Tahj Salas of Saipan Southern High School, and Pia Dela Cruz of Tinian High School.

The finalists for the Middle School Division are Destiny Cabrera of ChaCha Middle School, Seiji Gonzales of ChaCha Middle School, and Hannah Salcedo of Hopwood Jr. High School.

The finalists for the Elementary School Division are Kianna Palacios of Koblerville Elementary School, Toviann Masiwemai of Koblerville Elementary School, Mary Salcedo of William S. Reyes Elementary School, and Vanica Torres of Seventh Day Adventist School.

The finalists for the Kindergarten /Head Start Division are Logan Atalig of Chalan Kanoa Head Start, Landon Toves of Sinapalo Elementary School, and Maria Guerrero of Seventh Day Adventist School. The names are in no particular order.

All finalists are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony at the Azucena Room of the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan at 2pm on Monday, Dec. 5. Each school is allowed to bring one teacher representative to attend the event with the student finalists.

IPI corporate social responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz and her team extend their appreciation to the people who made this project a success. ***(PR)***

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# Probable cause found to charge 2 men in rape, sex abuse cases

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo found probable cause yesterday to file charges against a man accused of raping a friend and another man who allegedly sexually abused a minor since she was 13 years old.

At a preliminary hearing, Govendo found probable cause to believe that 32-year-old Manolo Palencia Romolor may have committed sexual assault in the first degree and disturbing the peace. Arraignment will be on Dec. 5 at 9am.

A charge of assault and battery was later dropped at the motion of the government. That referred to allegations that Romolor got on top of the victim, who was asleep, and forcibly kissed her when she protested.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub, counsel for the government, called to the witness stand police detective John Anthony Hofschneider, who is in charge of the case.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Romolor.

At a separate preliminary hearing, Govendo found probable cause to believe that 39-year-old Ruben Atalig Corpuz Jr. may have committed three counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. Arraignment will be on Dec. 5 at 9am.

Weintraub called to the stand police detective Vincent A. Igisaiar, who narrated their investigation that led to Corpuz's arrest.

Assistant public defender Clark is counsel for Corpuz.

In the Romolor case, the defendant allegedly raped his drunken friend who fell asleep after a party at an apartment in Gualo Rai last Nov. 19.

In Corpuz's case, a minor gave birth to a premature baby at the Commonwealth Health Center last Nov. 22 after she was allegedly sexually abused by the defendant since she was 13 years old in Kagman.

The victim is now 17 years old.

A bail of $100,000 cash each is currently imposed on Romolor and Corpuz. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# E-Land to fund student environmental projects

An international business group supported by the Public School System will fund student environmental projects in the CNMI.

E-Land, the mother company of Kensington Hotel, launched last Nov. 29 the Eland Youth Environmental Alliance Program that aims to support student environment projects.

"Four public schools proposed environmental project and E-Land Group (Kensington Hotel) will be funding the students' environmental conservation activity, including lunch, transportation, items/tools needed for participating in the activity," said Kensington Hotel Corporate Social Responsibility manager Jieun Ko. "The E-Land Youth Environmental Alliance program will end by May 2017, when schools close. We will have an awards ceremony for the best performance project team at the end of the program."

Schools pitched their ideas to a group of evaluators from Kensington. After the screening process, Kensington then decided to support Koblerville Middle School, Hopwood Middle School, Dandan Middle School, and Saipan Southern High School.

PSS Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero said, "I want to thank the students for coming up with all these different projects to help the environment, the [dvisers] for guiding our students, and the school administrators for providing support."

Kensington Hotel general manager Myung Wook Park reiterated that environmental conservation is essential to Saipan tourism, the driving factor of its economy. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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# MCS Theatre touts the benefits of the performing arts

While the performing arts are under fire across the country as standardized curricula like the Common Core gain more prominence, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club is doubling down on the performing arts. Especially as the club ramps up for its most recent production, it emphasized that the arts help students in many ways.

"I know I learned a lot from my drama teacher, Cheryl Treiber, in high school," said Mount Carmel School president and Theatre Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "She lit a fire in me that I have sustained now for over 30 years."

Deleon Guerrero also noted, "Producing a show brings the arts together and provides growth opportunities for all varieties of learners. For example, kinesthetic learners engage their bodies through dance, linguistic learners dive into the written and spoken word, spatial learners tackle set and costume design, and musical learners revel in the show's score."

The Theatre Club added that the performing arts help

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Theatre Club adviser and show director Galvin Deleon Guerrero, sitting on block, discusses with cast members how the show will blend Shakespeare, dancing, and music from two different bands, Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band and a rock band headed by Scott Deleon Guerrero.

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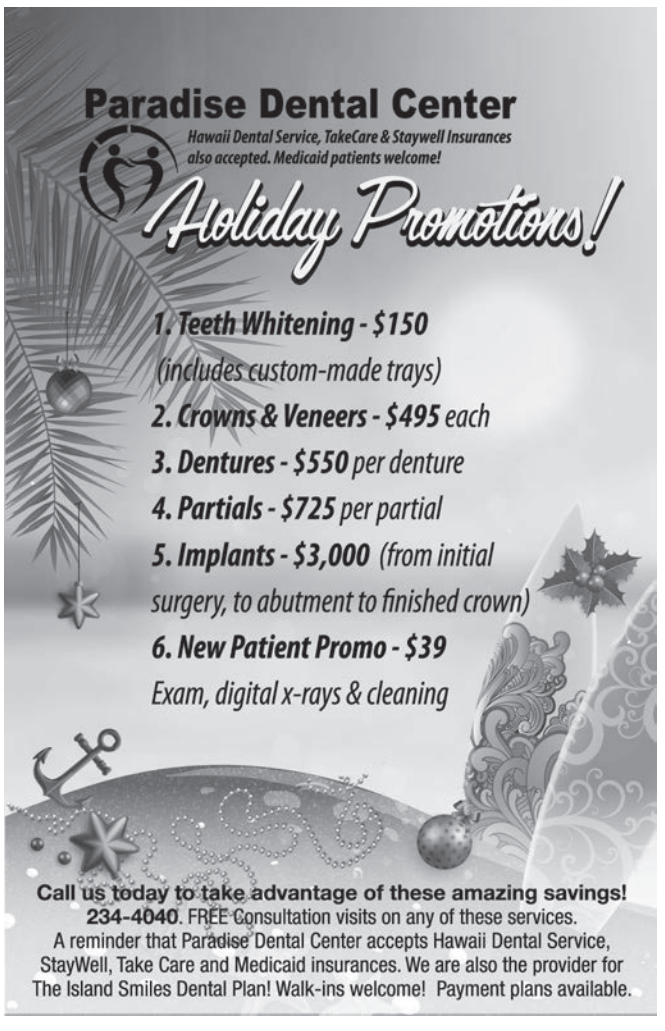
From the 2014 production of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*: Victor Frankenstein, played by Markel Toves '15 AlumKnight, center, his creature, played by Sam Soledad '15 AlumKnight, left, and a villager, played by Lynzey Green, right.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young people develop many of the skills necessary for success in today's world:

■ Self-confidence: Throughout the rehearsal and performance process, young performers discover how to take creative and emotional risks and learn to trust their abilities.

■ Literacy: Students increase reading and writing skills at their own pace by immersing themselves in the story, reading and re-reading their scripts, memorizing their lines and taking notes at rehearsal.

■ Communication: During rehearsals, students learn how to articulate their thoughts and questions and carefully listen to direction in order to improve their performances.

Cast members from the 2013 production of *Footloose* rehearse choreography. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

■ Imagination: Theatre is most dynamic when the imaginations of its participants are fully engaged. Students make countless interpretive choices in design and performance to create a detailed, fictional world for their audiences.

■ Empathy: Through character work and story creation, young performers explore the lives of others. First-hand perspectives of new circumstances challenge prejudices and aid in the development of well-rounded students and citizens.

■ Critical thinking and problem solving: The amount of work required to successfully put on a show makes all participants valuable troubleshooters. Whether inventing mnemonics to remember lines, adjusting staging to show off everyone's faces, or mastering a tricky scene change, students have countless opportunities to creatively tackle challenges.

■ Self-discipline: Through prompt attendance at rehearsals and learning lines, music and choreography on schedule, students acquire valuable self-discipline techniques and become reliable and trustworthy members of an ensemble.

■ Community awareness: A theatrical production provides ample opportunities to connect with our families and neighbors. Students can engage parents, community centers and local vendors to help create sets, props, costumes and publicity.

■ Public speaking: Whether performing for their peers during rehearsal or for their school and local community during a performance, students gain expertise and confidence speaking in front of a group.

■ Curricular integration: A musical provides a rich and engaging springboard for students to explore many subjects in their classrooms and discover connections among various modes of learning.

This year, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club celebrates its 20th anniversary, having staged numerous productions including passion plays, plays by William Shakespeare, Disney shows, several musicals, many original plays, a number of local stories, two summer drama camps for kids, and even a number of feature-length and short films. However, the school's drama program stems back to 1952 when the school started the island's longest continuously running performing arts program, the school's annual Christmas program. Moving forward, the school is gearing up to relaunch its Save the Stage campaign to renovate and revitalize the school's historic stage, where the CNMI Covenant and Constitution were deliberated and signed. ***(MCS)***

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# Bid to bar OAG from representing Hocog, Larson denied

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Superior Court associate judge pro tempore Timothy H. Bellas has denied former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario's motion to disqualify the Office of the Attorney General from representing Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa C. Larson in Del Rosario's lawsuit against them over the transfer of $400,000 in government funds for cargo ship M/V *Luta*'s operations.

Bellas also placed under advisement Hocog's motion to dismiss Del Rosario's lawsuit.

In denying Del Rosario's motion to disqualify, Bellas said Del Rosario did present legitimate concerns that the OAG should be disqualified but Hocog's and Larson's arguments are more persuasive and supported by law.

"At this time, and [based] on the facts that are currently available to the court, the OAG is not disqualified," said Bellas in his order. Bellas' order was issued last month but was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* only yesterday.

Bellas said he reserves the right to review the matter at a later point in the proceedings should facts arise suggesting that his decision should be reconsidered.

**» Hocog's motion to dismiss lawsuit placed under advisement**

Bellas said the court has no reason to believe otherwise that the OAG, while representing Hocog and Larson, has and will continue to keep individual client confidences, as well as have screening procedures in place to ensure that defendants are ethically represented in compliance with the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

DelRosario, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, moved to disqualify the OAG, claiming that the merits of the case give rise to inherent conflict of interest, making disqualification appropriate.

Dockter also argued that the OAG needs to be disqualified in order to ensure the fairness of the proceeding.

Assistant attorney general Christopher Timmons represents Hocog in his personal capacity. Assistant attorney general James Zarones serves as counsel for Hocog and Larson in their official capacity.

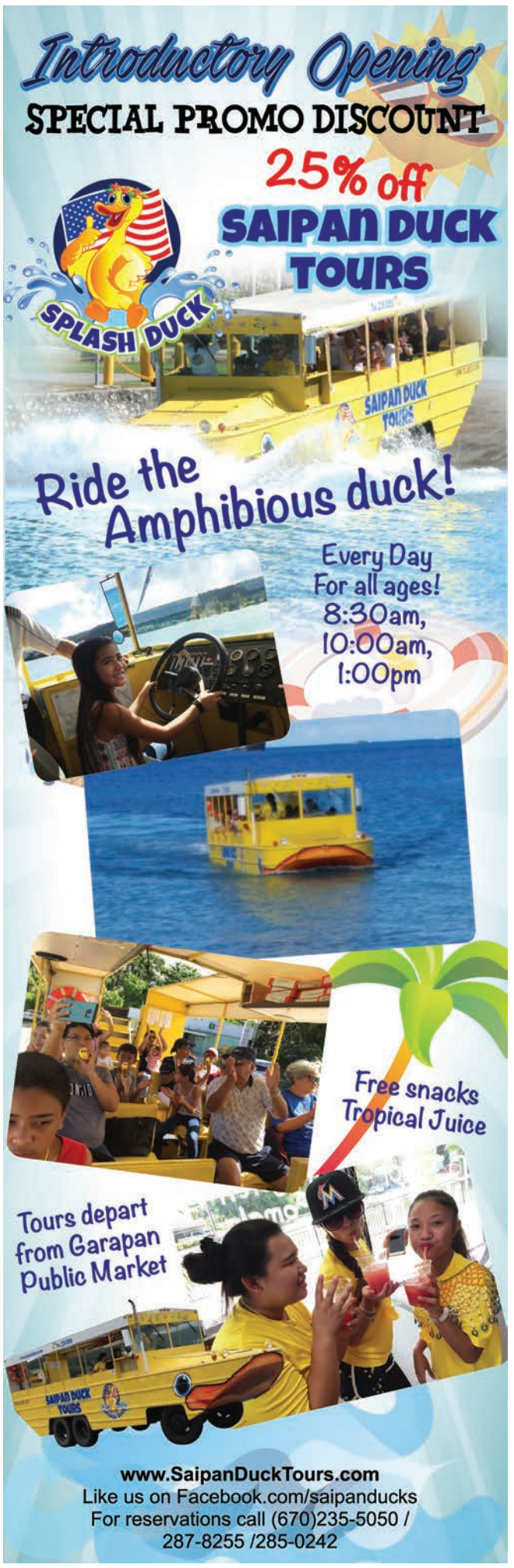
Timmons and Zarones argued that Commonwealth law explicitly mandates the attorney general to provide Hocog and Larson with representation and that the common law explicitly recognizes that an Attorney General's Office has a special status for conflicts purposes.

In denying the motion, Bellas said he finds DelRosario's "fairness of the proceedings" argument unpersuasive, in part because it is speculative at this stage.

Last May, DelRosario filed the taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota resolution without public notice that purportedly authorized payment of $400,000 to Luta Mermaid LLC, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

DelRosario is suing Hocog and Larson for breach of fiduciary duties, and expenditure of public funds for an improper purpose. In addition, Hocog is being sued for violation of the Open Government Act.

DelRosario then moved to disqualify the OAG from serving as counsel for Hocog and Larson.



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# Holiday Bazaar this weekend

The annual Holiday Bazaar, organized by Brilliant Star School, will once again open the holiday season this year. This 11th annual event will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in-Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for island residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. The daylong event will be graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups, as well as raffles with prizes donated by community businesses. New this year is a silent auction with artwork from the different Brilliant Star classes.

"We're looking forward to another year of showcasing our island's arts, crafts, and gifts. We still have a couple of tables available for any interested artists or vendors," said Richard Sikkel, Brilliant Star School principal. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827).

In the past, shoppers have commented on the convenience and comfort of finding such a variety of island gifts in a single place ahead of the holidays. Some of the arts shoppers can expect to find this year include the artwork of Joe Kani, Jeanne Rayphand, and Tatiana, Island crafts and jewelry of Tokie Mojica, Debbie Winkfield, Tanya Salas, Sylvia Daguitan, and Cherry Camigla. Hand-stamped items from Jill Arenovski, custom-made stickers by Martin Castro, handicraft from Wang Jing Corp., gift items from Capitol Discount Market, leaf paintings by Ernie, Christmas ornaments from the Whispering Palms art class, Paradise Dental, handmade rugs and coasters from the Brilliant Star elementary class, and much more.

For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. We will watch your child and help them with an art project while you do your holiday shopping.

Throughout the day there will be entertainment from local performers. This year Saipan Music and Dance, Li'l Hands, Uki Tuki, MHS Glee, K-Pop Dance Group, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, Keynotes School of Music, and the Brilliant Star students are scheduled to perform.

Raffle prizes have been donated through the generosity of various island businesses and vendors, and this year the lucky winners can expect to take home some beautiful prizes. handmade jewelry, local artwork, gift certificates from local hotel, stores, and restaurants, etc. Drawings will be held hourly.

"We look forward to once again host this event at the Multi-Purpose Center," said Sikkel. "We expect a good crowd from our school and the island community because this event provides quality shopping and gets us all in the holiday spirit."

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. "We look forward to welcoming the community and spread some holiday cheer," said Sikkel. ***(PR)***


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* *Our **"Dolphin"** restaurant (10th floor of Crystal Tower in Grandvrio Resort Saipan) has reopened as A-La-Carte restaurant. Welcome to enjoy fast & nice Lunch Menu ( $8~) and authentic Japanese Shabu Shabu or Sukiyaki for your dinner ( $35 ). "Spectacular Ocean view and Sunset!" **Starting from Nov. 07, 2016, our Dolphin restaurant brings out "Daily Chef's Special Lunch" from Mon. to Fri.; everyday is different; $12 only, 15 servings per day; First in First Out!** Opening time: Everyday Lunch: 11:30am-2:00pm Last Order: 1:30pm / Dinner 5:30pm-9:00pm Last Order: 8:30pm*

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# Tinian mayor seeks USDA loan for two projects

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas recently met with Joseph Diego from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Guam to discuss the possibility of the municipality applying for a $4.5-million loan to finance the building of the new Tinian Mayor's Office and the pavement of the roads at Marpo Heights 2.

"The roads at Marpo Heights 2 are secondary roads that do not qualify for federal highway funding. We are exploring all options to address the needs of the residents of Marpo Heights 2 who bear the burden of having to drive on these roads that become really hazardous during the rainy season," said San Nicolas.

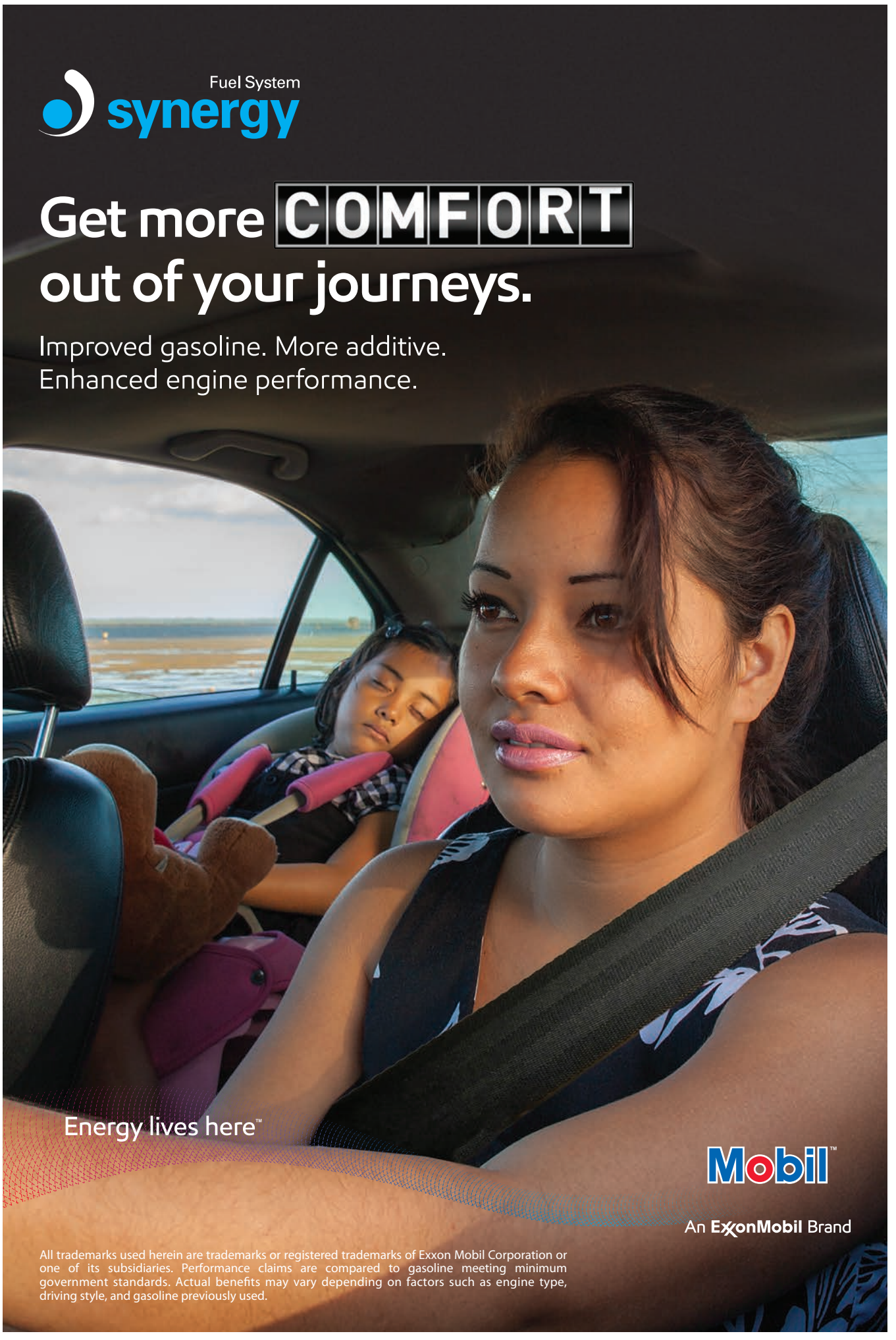
In his discussion with USDA, San Nicolas discussed the possibility of a long-term loan.

"If a long-term repayment option is allowed, which USDA has indicated is possible, I think that the municipality would be able to service the loan given our current resources and deliver to our community improvements to our infrastructure."

"One of my commitments as mayor is to finally build a new permanent home for the Mayor's Office on public land. Our municipality will benefit from this investment because there will be savings realized from not having to spend our limited resources on property rental. TCGCC is already realizing that benefit by moving to its new [office]."

San Nicolas recently met with the Tinian Legislative Delegation to discuss the USDA loan. "The Tinian delegation would need to draft legislation authorizing the municipality to enter into an agreement with USDA, similar to the authorization we received to loan from MPLT to pay [the U.S. Geology Service]. We have met and all agree that the Marpo Heights 2 roads and the building of a new Mayor's Office building is a priority project. The delegation is in support of having further discussions with USDA as to what the requirements are and want to move these two projects forward as soon as possible," San Nicolas said.

The Tinian delegation and the mayor are scheduled to have a meeting mid-December with USDA to discuss the loan application requirements and to discuss the particulars required by the USDA in the legislations authorizing the loan. ***(PR)***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# High surf seen until Sunday

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, a trade wind surge and accompanying disturbance are producing waves up to 11 feet as measured by the Ipan buoy. This is large enough to produce hazardous surf along north and east facing reefs of the Marianas.

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 3pm Sunday. Waves and surf will quickly rise, reaching 7 to 9 feet on north facing reefs and between 10 and 12 feet with occasional 14-foot seas along east facing reefs of the Marianas.

Surf is expected to remain hazardous through at least Sunday. The high surf will affect reefs and beaches within the Marianas, producing localized beach erosion and dangerous swimming conditions.

A small craft advisory is now in effect until 3pm Sunday. Fresh to strong trade winds and combined seas of 8 to 11 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft through Sunday afternoon. There have been a few waves as high as 17 feet measured by Ritidian buoy.

The EOC is advising the public and inexperienced mariners to avoid swimming or venturing near reefs along exposed beaches, especially those facing north and east. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. ***(EOC)***

# Strategy to build Pacific regional geospatial capacity is endorsed

**SUVA, Fiji**—Pacific Island lands survey and geospatial experts convened this week at the 3rd Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council meeting to finalize and endorse a 10-year regional strategy aimed at advancing geospatial and surveying services in the region.

The Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Strategy highlights the critical importance of accurate geospatial information to Pacific Island economies and provides a roadmap for building the geospatial capacity of national governments to meet these growing needs.

"This strategy will be the PGSC's guide toward achieving our vision of sustainable development in the Pacific enabled by world-class geospatial information and surveying services," said PGSC chairman and Tuvalu director of Lands and Survey Faatasi Malologa.

"The transition to modernize and upgrade the standards of surveying and geospatial technology in the Pacific region is critical to support better decision making in matters of land and marine management, in particular the monitoring and analysis of the impacts of climate change in near-real time for adaptation and mitigation purposes."

Along with Malologa, First Secretary of the Australian High Commission in Suva Raymond Bojczuk opened the meeting, which was organized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community under the Australian-funded Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific.

"Australia is proud to support this important milestone in Pacific development," said Bojczuk. "The services provided by Pacific geospatial scientists and surveyors support a multitude of industries and sectors and contributes significantly to the security and wellbeing of Pacific people."

While the region has been challenged to build and retain capacity in terms of qualified staff, technical infrastructure, software and equipment, updated legislative frameworks, and funding resources, there has been significant progress over time.

Development initiatives including, but not limited to, Tonga, Samoa and Fiji's commitments to update their local positioning systems to the global standard, Nauru and Tuvalu's National Geodetic Surveys, the Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project, the Pacific Sea Level Monitoring Project, the Pacific Regional Navigational Initiative, and the PACGEO online geospatial database (http://www.pacgeo.org/) have already begun to build the geospatial and surveying capacity of Pacific Island governments.

"The growing number of initiatives in recent years and the development of this strategy are signs of a strong regional voice for geospatial and survey professionals," said professor Michael Petterson, director of the SPC Geoscience Division. "Geospatial and geodetic knowledge is of enormous importance to the Pacific Islands countries especially bearing in mind the relationship between rising sea levels and islands that may rise or subside due to geotectonic forces. It is important to have a thorough understanding of all these dynamics when considering climate change adaptation."

Current PGSC members include: Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. ***(SPC)***

# Herman's Bakery names raffle winners

Herman's Modern Bakery, Inc. announced yesterday the winners of its Thanksgiving raffle. Congratulations to the winners.

Elisa Mendoza won the grand prize, one roundtrip airfare ticket to Philippines via Philippine Airlines. Leny Floresca won one 50-inch smart TV. The third prize went to Franco Mendoza, who won a Samsung S6 phone. ***(PR)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### VA benefits outreach

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration (non-health) will be conducting a Veterans Benefits Outreach on Dec. 9, 2016, from 9am to 3pm at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, MH II Bldg., Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. This will be a one-on-one outreach. Chris Duenas, legal Administrative specialist, will be available to answer questions and take your claims.

Points of contact are Ruth Coleman, 322-0035; Chris Duenas, 1-671-648-0090. We are encouraging all veterans, family members, and widower to avail to their services. ***(VA)***

### Sobriety checkpoints on Rota

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section on Rota will be conducting sobriety checkpoints today, Dec. 2, 2016,and tomorrow, Dec. 3, 2016. Today, the first setup is from 7pm to 8:15pm at the San Francisco Highway, Lotgan; second setup: 9pm to 10:15pm San Francisco Highway, Sonton by Rota Hotel; third setup: 11pm to 12:15am, San Francisco Highway by Pinatang Park.

On Saturday, the first setup is from 7:30pm to 8:45pm, San Francisco Highway, Tatachog by the Mayor's Office. The second setup is from 9:30pm to 10:45pm, at the San Francisco Highway, Guata. Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement. ***(DPS)***

### Notice to all 2016 candidates, political parties

The staff of the Office of the Public Auditor will be on Rota on Dec. 5, 2016, and on Tinian on Dec. 7, 2016, to notarize and accept filings of campaign statement of account forms for the 2016 election candidates and political parties.

Filers on Rota may visit the Rota Mayor's Office from 9am to 3pm on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016. Filers on Tinian may visit the Department of Commerce from 9am to 4pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. Proper identification with both the photo and signature of the candidate and treasurer must be provided.

For any inquiries, contact OPA at 322-6481 or 6482. ***(PR)***

### Military training on FDM

The U.S. military will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla until Dec. 2, from 8am to 11:55pm. The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. ***(PR)***

### Chamber to host career exploration day

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its "2016 Career Exploration Day" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating chamber business. Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall during the chamber's membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm. For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. ***(SCC)***

### SHEFA deadlines

The SHEFA deadline for new application only is on Dec. 1, 2016 .The deadline for all supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2017. All documents must be complete and submitted at once. ***(SHEFA)***

### Wage and salary statement workshop

The Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2016 and other 2016 year-end filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000 and 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. ***(PR)***

### Holiday closures at Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed on Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas Day, and on Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day. Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm. If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(NPS)***

### Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. ***(PR)***

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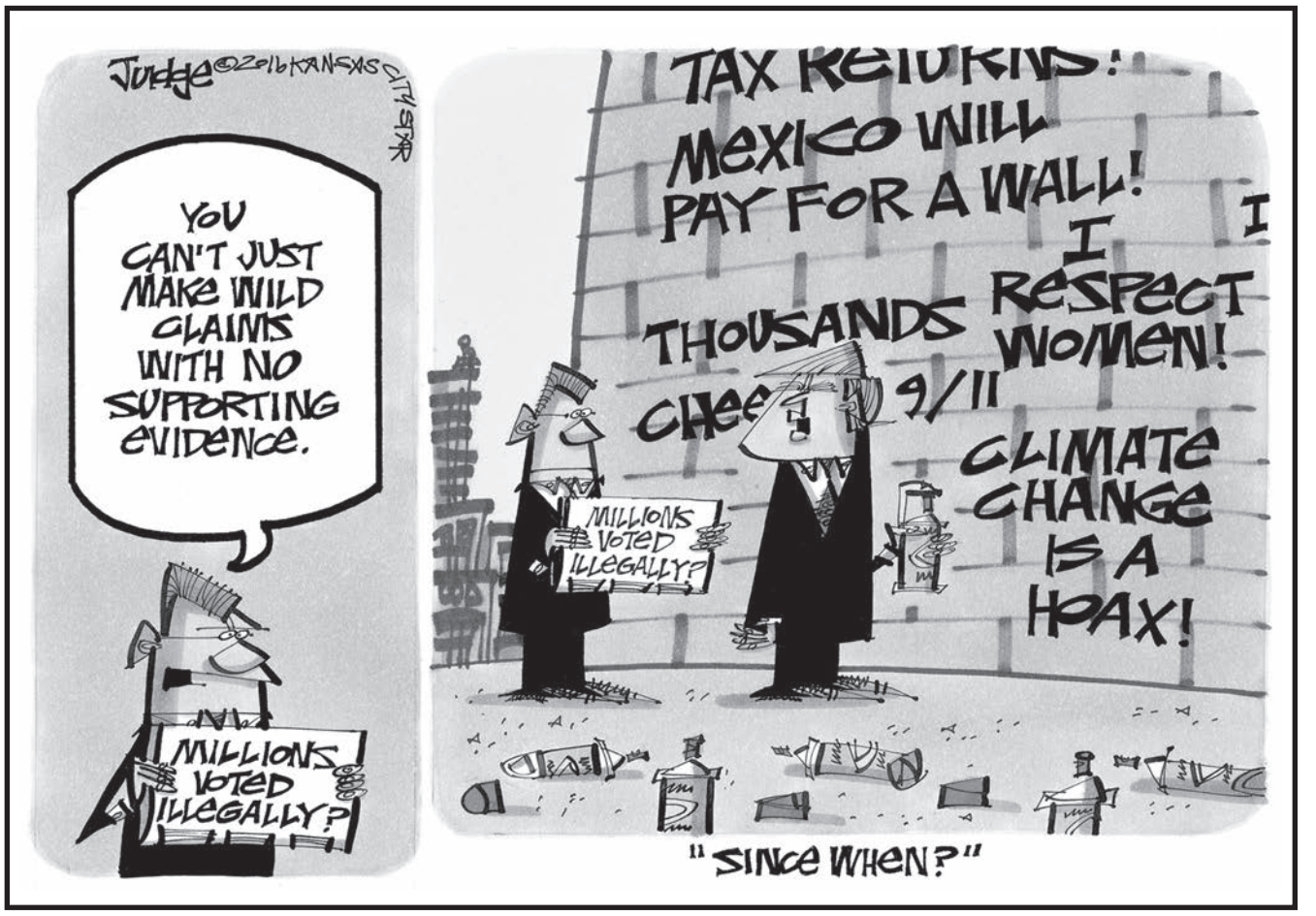


## EDITORIAL

# Vive le change? The French race for president is next indicator

International political observers following the run-up to France's presidential elections next year are on high alert. They are desperately trying to make predictions based on the outcomes of this summer's British vote to leave the European Union and America's choice of Donald Trump as president.

First of all, remember that most prognosticators, a miserable lot, predicted the British and American elections wrong. Second, trying to string the three elections together is probably a mistake. France is different, even idiosyncratic.

What the three electorates have in common is that they don't like the way the way their countries are being governed _ they want a change. Britons voted to get rid of the EU and Prime Minister David Cameron, although not Conservative Party government yet. In the United States, voters favored a new-to-politics businessman and rejected a return to the White House of a member of the family of a 20th-century president.

In France, the desire for change is overwhelming. A recent Ipsos Mori survey showed that 89 percent of adults believe the country is on the wrong track, which ties France with Mexico as the most pessimistic nations. The data match the unpopularity of President Francois Hollande, whose approval rating has descended to 4 percent in one poll. He may not even be nominated by his Socialist party to run again.

The first round of the Republican party primary on Nov. 20 eliminated former president Nicolas Sarkozy. Last Sunday's runoff pitted two former prime ministers, Alain Juppe and Francois Fillon, against each other. Fillon, a social conservative who sounds like an economic radical, won by a strong margin. An admirer of Margaret Thatcher, he promises to get rid of a half-million civil servants.

Fillon is likely to end up standing against Marine Le Pen of the far-right National Front in the April general election, given that the Socialists can't run Hollande and are likely to offer instead Prime Minister Manuel Valls, who's damaged by his association with Hollande.

Even though Fillon usually bears a facial expression like a mortician's, he will probably win in the end. It is important to note that French primaries form a shaky basis for prediction since the French can vote in them across party lines, leading to what is politely called "tactical voting."

In other words, they might vote in the primaries of the party they oppose to try to make it choose the candidate they would most like to see their own candidate run against. Le Pen is also hampered by her party's far-right stance, which the French have traditionally rejected at a national level, and her gender.

Still, April is a long way off. The French will also be watching Trump's performance before deciding how much change they actually want.

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# The law that made America diverse

**By JANE HONG**
Los Angeles Times

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Before 1965, the United States was 85 percent white. Today, racial and ethnic minorities make up one-third of the population. Before 1965, the immigrant stream was largely European. Today, most new arrivals to this country come from Mexico, China and India. The passage of the 1965 Hart-Celler Immigration Act, 50 years ago this month, made these changes possible.

Contrary to what pundits often suggest, however, Hart-Celler wasn't an unmitigated good for all ethnic groups. In fact, it set Asians and Latinos on divergent paths, with consequences that continue to reverberate today.

Starting in the late 19th century, race-based restrictions kept Asian immigration to a trickle. The 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act largely did what the name suggests; by 1924 Congress had barred all Asian groups. Eventually this complete prohibition gave way to a nominal quota system, but it wasn't until Hart-Celler that lawmakers finally abandoned blatantly racist immigration policy.

As the standard-bearer against communism seeking to consolidate support in Vietnam, the United States had attracted international criticism of its racist policies that it could ill afford. In a nod to U.S. interests in the decolonizing world, Congress opened the gates to Asians (as well as to Africans and eastern and southern Europeans) more widely, abolishing Asian quotas and the national origins quota-system as a whole in favor of a preference system based on skills and family relationships.

For Latinos, by contrast, Hart-Celler made the U.S. less accessible. Before 1965, immigration from Mexico and other Latin American countries was largely unrestricted. It was Hart-Celler that brought Latino immigration from the Western Hemisphere under numerical limit for the first time.

A small group of lawmakers, including many longtime advocates of greater restriction, introduced the cap late in the debate as a condition for their votes. Mexico's quota was set at 20,000 annually even though Mexicans seeking permanent residence had averaged 50,000 a year through the late 1950s.

Around the same time, Congress terminated the bracero program, a government guest worker program that, since the 1940s, had permitted millions of Mexicans to work legally in the United States. Well-publicized reports of U.S. employers abusing and exploiting braceros, as well as pressure by organized labor, led to its dissolution.

But changes on paper did not have the intended effect on the ground. As Princeton sociologist Douglas Massey has shown, Mexican migration flows that had developed over previous decades continued largely apace after 1968 (when both the Hart-Celler cap and termination took effect) as employers across the Southwest and West continued to rely on Mexican labor. The bracero program's end and the Hart-Celler Act were, then, jointly responsible for creating the "problem" of undocumented migrants that inflames political debates today. Whole groups of migrants from Mexico and Latin America whose entrance to the U.S. would have been considered legal before 1965 suddenly became illegal.

Despite the post-1965 divergence, Latinos and Asian-Americans today find themselves in situations more similar than different. Asians make up a growing share of undocumented Americans, as the number of would-be immigrants from Asia has outstripped available visas. Consequently, deportation is not a threat facing Latinos alone. Indeed, Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders are deported at a rate three times higher than other groups.

Politicians would do well to recognize this convergence. Instead they have sought to pit one group against the other, as in Jeb Bush's attempted backpedaling on his use of the charged term "anchor babies" a month ago, when he suggested that Asian, not Latino, birth tourism was the real problem.

A strategy of division is a losing proposition for all. Asian-Americans, Latino Americans and others have more to gain by banding together than fighting among themselves. And for candidates looking to attract votes, the numbers tell the real story. In 2013, China and India passed Mexico as the countries sending the most immigrants to the United States. A report released this week suggests that by the 2050s, Asians will surpass Latinos as the largest stream of immigrants to the United States. By then, Latino Americans will make up nearly one-quarter of U.S. residents. No one is expendable.

As they seek to address undocumented migration and related issues, today's Congress may have reason to envy its 1965 predecessor. One pundit, writing in 2008, called Hart-Celler the "most important piece of legislation that no one's ever heard of" because it created the diverse electorate that put Barack Obama in the White House. "No one" includes the voters of 1965, few of whom closely followed the Hart-Celler debate. In the early 1960s, immigration rarely garnered headlines, leaving political elites to debate and decide the terms of the 1965 act's passage largely among themselves. Widespread consensus in Washington that the United States needed some kind of immigration overhaul was enough to create action. That is clearly not the case today.

# Vitamin D and the flying ant

**By ED STEPHENS JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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During my Thanksgiving road trip I soaked up a lot of radio. At one point I caught an AM station "infomercial" that was extolling the virtues of vitamin D. Hey, it was either that or *We Built This City on Rock and Roll* playing on the other station. I clearly made the right choice.

And the timing was right, too. After all, the holidays are always accompanied by troubling stories about the ill effects of eating too much, drinking too much, or getting beaten by a mob at the local shopping mall. It's the American way. So if we can mitigate those risks by taking health advice from a radio infomercial, well, I'm all for it.

This isn't the first time I've crossed paths with the vitamin D gig, so I'll make random observations about what I've heard.

The infomercial guy basically said this: Vitamin D is naturally produced by the skin when exposed to sunlight, but since modern times have reduced our skin's exposure to sunlight, many people have a vitamin D deficiency and this can cause all sorts of health woes. The infomercial was selling vitamin D pills so people could eliminate this deficiency.

I first heard about this a little over 10 years ago. That's when an old-school general practitioner basically told me the same thing that the infomercial guy said. The old-school doc was a solid guy and an independent thinker. The vitamin D notion seemed sensible and the doctor himself seemed sensible.

The following year I happened to be talking to a big-time doctor who was also a professor at a prestigious research university. I asked him about the old-school doc's take on vitamin D. The big-time guy wasn't having any of it.

Well, not at the time, at least. But two years later he changed course and was in accordance with the old-school guy, and was advising people to get tested and to use supplements to treat vitamin D deficiencies.

This isn't the last word on the gig, because it wasn't the first. For that I have to dial things way back to when I was in college. We had one lecture by a dermatologist about the risks of sun exposure. I'm not talking about "over-exposure." I'm talking about any exposure.

The doctor was not a fan of the California suntans that many of us had. He told us that the sun's rays were radiation and that any amount of this radiation was a hazard. This guy wore a wide-brimmed hat (he showed us this) whenever he was outside in the daytime and he said that he always wore a long-sleeved shirt when outside. It worked. His fair skin, almost translucent, betrayed no hint of exposure to the sun's glow.

As for me, my college suntan is the least of my worries. But I hope my overexposure to the sun in the tropics doesn't come back to haunt me someday. This was an occupational hazard of flying helicopters (usually with no doors) over the reflective surface of Pacific's waters. I was like an ant under a magnifying glass. But, heck, it beats office work.

Some of my peers are in the same predicament, owing to the rigors of the aviation, maritime, or military realms. So you won't find any of us pooh-poohing the dangers of the sun's radiation. We're too busy forking over co-payments so the dermatologists can inspect our sun-baked hides.

Still, I wonder now, as I wondered during that lecture in college, whether severing our relationship with the sun entirely might harbor unforeseen consequences, given that we did, after all, evolve under the sun's rays. This vitamin D thing, or, more precisely, this lack of vitamin D thing, brings such a notion to mind.

While I recall that the sun was an unmitigated health villain in the 1980s, so much the worse because of dire warnings about the earth's thinning ozone layer back then, I also note that more recently a doctor on TV advised people that the sun was the best way to get vitamin D. So the conventional wisdom, or at least that portion of it that I see, has apparently changed.

Still, don't ask me for any answers. Slobs like me, mere civilians in this stuff, don't always have a clear reading of what's what in the medical world.

Anyway, now that we've got that behind us, it's time to resume our holiday festivities. The guests are just arriving now. There are brews sitting in tubs of ice. The DJ, looking cool and mysterious in aviator shades and a wide-brimmed hat, is scanning the AM radio so we can get this party started.

# Saipan casino out-earns Macau

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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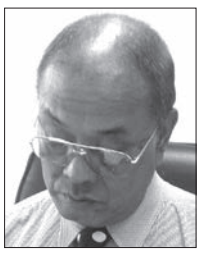

When a "sandwiched" casino operation here outstrips the combined income of the global casino industry, no wonder the smoke from downstairs billows in stealth fashion signaling there's fire in paradise, according to a recent piece by the Bloomberg news organization.

Macau's casino industry analysts can't figure out how our "sandwiched" operation raked in $13.5 billion. They call it "puzzling success."

Even I was puzzled by our ability to out-earn casino titans in Macau. As a taxpayer, I want to hold on to my pride that our industry here is really highly profitable beyond belief. In this regard, I have every right to officially seek the assistance of IRS to review if the reported income of $13.5 billion is factual. Never took college calculus but this is a simple math issue needing expert confirmation!

**Money:** Terrifying in that imperial Capital Hill declares, "It isn't time to tax BSI!" Consider how much the NMI could reap from the $13.5 billion annual income at 5 percent. It pans out to nothing less than $675 million accruing to the local coffers. Economic strides would be humongous!

Didn't the Finance secretary announce that BSI paid its taxes to the tune of $36 million? If the Finance secretary were sufficiently equipped with foresight to recommend the imposition of 5 percent tax, it would have meant some $695 million going into the local coffers. It's called attribution. Or is the purposeful omission to reserve the gravy train for the elites only?

If you will, we can't even pay for patient gowns at CHC yet eggheads on the hill said "not a good time to tax!" If not now, when? Eh, how about reality check? Natting maaneeee!

**Oversight?** For discussion purposes, let's say there's truth to the $3.9 billion in revenue for the month of September. Are local legislators wary of its financial implications even at 5 percent in monthly gross revenue? Imagine how much we could draw from the $3.9 billion. It would have meant some $195 million accruing to the local treasury, right?

Bloomberg said the "daily reported revenue for each of its VIP tables in the first half of the year, about $170,000, is almost eight times the average of Macau's largest casinos." "Its 16 VIP tables alone generate revenue that's more than half of the receipts from 178 high-stakes tables at Wynn Resorts Ltd.'s flagship casino in the Chinese territory, a 20-story palace with three Michelin-starred restaurants." No wonder experts and analysts say the profit at this end is "staggering."

As the Sisyphus refutation struggles for attention, the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, the market regulator, has twice issued trading warnings over Imperial Pacific stocks this year. No pun, the information came from the HK magazine.

It has "tumbled to an 18-month low as it resumed trading in Hong Kong after the company denied reports that its Best Sunshine gaming operation is being investigated by a U.S. regulator in charge of anti-money laundering efforts, per a recent Bloomberg story.

"The stock fell 7 percent by the close of trading recently to the lowest level since April 29, 2015, giving the company a market value of HK$16.9 billion (US$2.2 billion). It slumped as much as 11 percent earlier."

**Gravy train:** Well, the popped balloon that exposed billions of dollars being raked in coincides with the season of giving. Perhaps legislators may decide to start draining the swamp so the NMI secures its fair share! But this could be very troubling for IPI.

Did the money flow occur before Jinpiñg clamp down on corruption? BSI CEO Mark Brown asserted company efforts to ensure the establishment prevents any form of money laundering. Outstanding!

**Detention:** Meanwhile, Chinese authorities are "pursuing criminal charges against at least three employees of Australian gambling concern Crown Resorts Ltd., including a top executive who oversaw efforts to attract wealthy international high rollers to its casinos," according to a recent banner story on WSJ Asian edition.

It's a similar crackdown done against South Koreans who promoted casino in China that the president has ordered stopped. China has seriously clamped down on capital flight that has adversely affected casino and real estate sales in Australia. Would the NMI be next?

The Bloomberg story said the "revenue figures or actual wins by the house are just a 'fraction' of total bets." But it's "staggering." It begs the question: what's the total bets?

"In September, Imperial Pacific reported a record $3.9 billion in bets at its casino—meaning the 100 or so high rollers who it says come through its doors monthly each wagered an average of $39 million," the article said.

The huge sums of money washing up on our shores must have attracted federal ocular review denied by BSI. Is the sniffing still ongoing?

Separately, an investigation team from the People's Republic of China is rumored to have been here too. It could be connected to President Jinping's crackdown on illegal "capital flight." He killed junket tours and VIP services recently in Macau and Australia.

There's trouble ahead when the U.S. General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, pries open excuses we've hurled against implementing the federal minimum wage. With reported economic improvement coupled by $13.5 billion we refuse to tax, how would Washington react to our indecisions drowning in mañana? Would the U.S, continue generously subsidizing CIP, welfare and other programs with grant funds in the islands while mired in allegations of corruption metastasizing on all corners? It's bad tidings all the way around, right?

China's heavy clampdown on capital flight and Japan likely to approve its own casino by the 14th of this month, it seems the wall to suffocate the industry here is consistently erected or built to ensure its eventual demise.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Thanks, governor!

I am sure that all the retirees who are aware of the governor's plea to the Legislature to "do the work to get retirees their pension bonus" were elated. The governor even said "we have the money" so I'm sure retirees are wondering what in the world the holdup is! The problem is one little four-letter word—work—and who will do the work in drafting the legislation in time to get it to the governor's desk before the 19th Legislature retires. Wouldn't it be a great Christmas gift to retirees but the chances of greatness in the CNMI is something we ordinary citizens can only dream about. Officials get salary increases but we retirees get nothing, even though the governor is saying the money is available. Is it really fair to make retirees wait until someone feels like doing the work?

I'm sure all retirees who want their bonuses are thankful to the governor for making it known that we do have the money and that there is no excuse for the money not being appropriated. The bonus ball is clearly in play in the Legislature's court and one has to ask who was listening to the governor in the Legislature and when or if they will get the legislation done in time for a Christmas disbursement. It is hard enough to get them to listen to us ordinary citizens so seeing the governor speaking to a deaf Legislature on this matter is not too much of a stretch. It has always amazed me at how so many on the Hill can act like they never read the paper especially when it comes to doing the work of and for the people. You would think the Legislature would be moving at warp speed, knowing the money is available to help the people but instead the governor had to beg for us. Thanks governor as asking the Legislature is all you can do, as it's the Legislature's job to deliver.

**Ambrose M Bennett**
*Kagman, Saipan*

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. | Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. |
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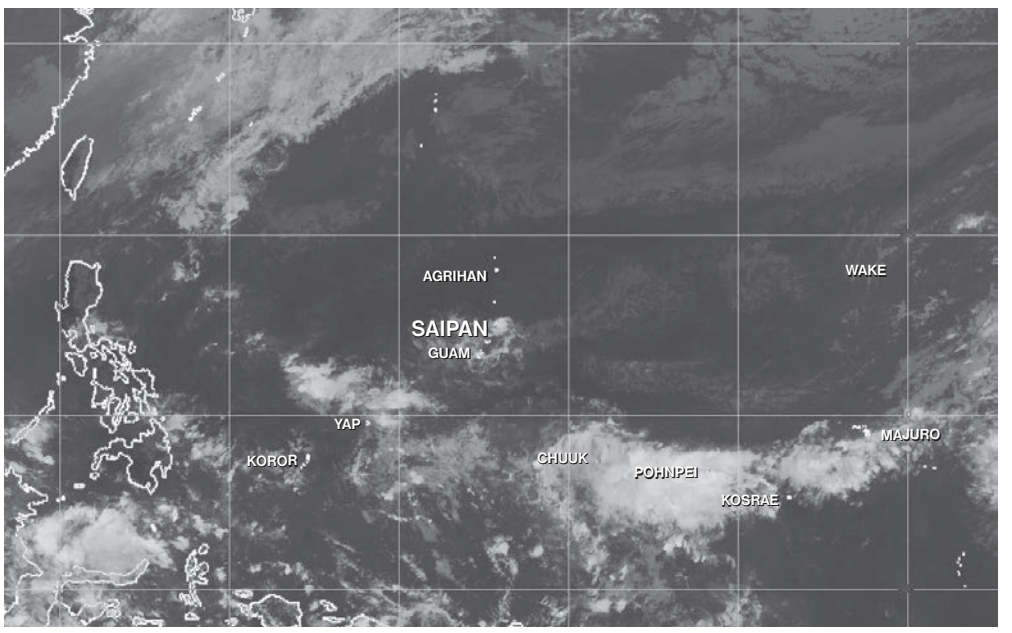


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*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | | ▼ ▲ |
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| Guam and Rota | Sunny | 83 / 89 °F |
| Palau | Partly cloudy | 80 / 86 °F |
| Yap | Afternoon clouds | 80 / 89 °F |
| Chuuk | Heavy rain | 79 / 86 °F |
| Pohnpei | Morning clouds | 78 / 84 °F |
| Kosrae | Partly cloudy | 81 / 86 °F |
| Majuro | Mostly cloudy | 82 / 85 °F |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▼ ▲ |
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| Auckland | Partly cloudy | 55 / 66 °F |
| Beijing | Sunny | 17 / 45 °F |
| Hong Kong | Morning clouds | 61 / 72 °F |
| Honolulu | Partly cloudy | 72 / 78 °F |
| London | Morning clouds | 29 / 44 °F |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 47 / 61 °F |
| Manila | Partly cloudy | 80 / 89 °F |
| Melbourne | Sunny | 51 / 70 °F |
| Miami | Partly cloudy | 73 / 81 °F |
| New York | Partly sunny | 39 / 49 °F |
| Osaka | Sunny | 41 / 56 °F |
| Paris | Morning clouds | 28 / 42 °F |
| Pusan | Sunny | 33 / 50 °F |
| Rome | Scattered clouds | 35 / 57 °F |
| Salem | Overcast | 42 / 46 °F |
| San Francisco | Mostly sunny | 47 / 59 °F |
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| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
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**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

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**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

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**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

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**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

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**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

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| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

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**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

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| HX077 | 2:00am | 5:00am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA6391/159 | 1:30pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA6390/159 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 3, 6 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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| UA6393 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

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| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

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| UA6390 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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| DL298 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | Daily |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| LJ651 | 7:30am | 1:10pm | Daily |
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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| MU763 | 4:40pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| UA190/6397 | 9:55am | 5:35pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR1571 | 9:20pm | 3:35am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UA192/6395 | 9:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
| PR110/UA6395 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

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| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UA116/6395 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

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**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:45AM | 8:15AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

# NMC Cash for College on Rota, Tinian

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that will assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held this Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at NMC's Rota campus from 9am to 12pm and at NMC's Tinian campus from 10am to 2pm. The workshop will be an ongoing session.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Rota Municipal Scholarship for the island of Rota, Tinian Municipal Scholarship for the island of Tinian, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming spring 2017 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2015 1040 tax form (2015 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

For additional information visit marainas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6791 or email fao@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

# MVA brings Ironman 70.3 to NMI

*Editor's Note: The following article is being republished due to a minor correction.*

The Marianas Visitors Authority is expanding its repertoire of annual signature events to include Ironman 70.3 Saipan, slated for March 11, 2017. Registration opened on Dec. 1 at www.ironman.com.

"Ironman is a prestigious, worldwide event that is a household name to athletes and non-athletes, alike, and we're ecstatic to be bringing the Ironman brand to the Northern Mariana Islands," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "The ad exposure the Northern Marianas is going to receive, in addition to the actual number of athletes attending, is expected to eventually exceed any other sporting event the MVA organizes, as we grow the event. We're expecting several hundred athletes in the first year, alone."

An Ironman 70.3 is one of a series of long distance triathlon races organized by the World Triathlon Corp. Half the length of an Ironman, Ironman 70.3 features a 1.2-mile (1.9 km) swim, a 56-mile (90 km) bike ride, and a 13.1-mile (21.1 km) run.

In organizing the event, MVA is once again partnering with Kiyokazu Fitness Club and KFC president Kiyokazu Onishi, who helped bring the Tinian Turquoise Blue and Rota Blue Triathlon to the NMI.

"It's been several months in the planning with Onishi-san, but we're pleased that we now have a date and confirmation that Ironman 70.3 Saipan is a go!" said Concepcion. "We encourage all our tourism partners and MVA members to join us in getting behind this worldwide event and putting the Northern Marianas on the Ironman map with an unforgettable experience for the competitors in March."

Ironman 70.3 Saipan will also offer 30 age qualifying slots for the 2017 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Chattanooga, TN.

The swim will be held in the crystal clear waters of Pau Pau Beach. The mainly flat bike course follows the western and northern coast of the island from Bird Island south to Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The run course features the quiet nature and historic and scenic sites of Marpi.

In addition to Ironman 70.3 Saipan, the MVA will still hold the XTERRA Saipan Championship on March 18, the 12th Saipan Marathon on March 25,and Tagaman later in 2017. ***(MVA)***

# BECQ sets COP beach cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Coral Ocean Point beach on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the **C**oral Ocean Point area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

Last month's Tank Beach Cleanup cleaned up over 540 lbs of marine debris. A total of 27 volunteers from Koblerville Elementary School, Saipan Southern High School, Northern Marianas College–Natural Resource Management Program, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and others participated.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(BECQ)***

# CCOPS ends membership drive

The Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools announced yesterday that it has ended its membership drive.

The following schools are official members of CCOPS: Agape Christian School, Brilliant Star School, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas Baptist Academy, Mount Carmel School, Northern Marianas International School, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, and Whispering Palms School.

These schools have met the requirements for membership. If you would like more information about joining CCOPS, contact coalition president Galvin Deleon Guerrero at Mount Carmel School. ***(PR)***

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December 3, 2016
Entertainment and Christmas Caroling
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6:00 p.m. Lighting of Christmas Tree
7:00 p.m. GTC Elementary School
7:15 p.m. Mt. Carmel School
7:30 p.m. Green Meadows School
7:45 p.m. Grace Christian Academy
8:00 p.m. Koberville Elementary School
8:15 p.m. Agape Christian School
8:30 p.m Northern Marianas International School
8:45 p.m. San Vicente Elementary School
9:00 p.m. Oleai Elementary School
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) hereby gives notice to the general public that Sugar Dock (*Bantalan*) located in Susupe, is deemed unsafe for recreational use due to the piers unstable, cracked surface and collapsed foundation. Because of the unsafe condition it poses, DPL is requesting for the public's cooperation by refraining from entering the pier until further notice. Signs and barricades are posted warning and restricting the public from entering this area. The Department of Public Safety will be monitoring the dock to ensure public safety.

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# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL 2016 ELECTION CANDIDATES and POLITICAL PARTIES

According to 1 CMC § 6424, all certified candidates must file a detailed "Campaign Statement of Account". This itemized financial statement, prepared with the advice and co-signature of the candidate's treasurer, must show the specific source(s), name(s) of contributor(s), and amount(s) of contributions and expenses. The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is mandated by the Act to administer the filing of such Statements. Pursuant to the Act, failure to file a complete, signed, dated and verified statement by **December 28, 2016**, shall subject you to a fine of up to **$100 per day** for each day the Statement is late.

The "Campaign Statement of Account" form, suggested reports, and supporting schedules are available on OPA's website at www.opacnmi.com. Please note that filing of a "Campaign Statement of Account" form is **mandatory**.

The Act also requires that the Statement be verified under oath by the candidate/political party and the candidate's/political party's treasurer. Our office will provide free notary service to those who wish to avail themselves of this service. (Proper identification bearing both the photo and signature of the candidate and treasurer must be provided).

**Notary Service Schedule:**

**Saipan:**
Office of the Public Auditor
Monday through Friday (Except: 12/5/16 & 12/7/16)
8am to 4:30pm

**Rota:**
Rota Mayor's Office (Conference Room)
Monday, December 5, 2016 – 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Tinian:**
Department of Commerce Office
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 9am to 4:00pm

# Business

## As Trump claims to have saved Carrier jobs, details are hazy

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—In persuading Carrier to keep hundreds of jobs in Indiana, President-elect Donald Trump is claiming victory on behalf of factory workers whose positions were bound for Mexico. But the scant details that have emerged so far raise doubts about the extent of the victory.

By enabling Carrier's Indianapolis plant to stay open, the deal spares about 800 union workers whose jobs were going to be outsourced to Mexico, according to federal officials who were briefed by the heating and air conditioning company. This suggests that hundreds will still lose their jobs at the factory, where roughly 1,400 workers were slated to be laid off.

Also, neither Trump nor Carrier has yet to say what the workers might have to give up or precisely what threats or incentives were used to get the manufacturer to change its mind.

"There's excitement with most people, but there's a lot of skepticism and worry because we don't know the details," said TJ Bray, 32, who has worked for Carrier for 14 years and installs insulation in furnaces.

"There's a few that are worried. And there's still a few that don't even believe this is real. They think it's a play, a set-up or a scam."

Sen. Joe Donnelly, an Indiana Democrat, said he, too, has lingering questions about what the announcement could mean for the workers.

"Who is going to be retained? What is the structure there will be for the retention? What is going to be put in place?" Donnelly said. "Are these the same jobs at the same wage? I would sure like to know as soon as I can."

Fuller answers could emerge Thursday, when Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence, who is ending his tenure as Indiana governor, are to appear with Carrier officials in Indiana.

On the campaign trail, Trump threatened to impose sharp tariffs on any company that shifted its factories to Mexico. And his advisers have since promoted lower corporate tax rates as a means of keeping jobs in the U.S.

Trump may have had some leverage because United Technologies, Carrier's parent company, also owns Pratt & Whitney, a big supplier of fighter jet engines that relies in part on U.S. military contracts.

Carrier said in a statement that more than 1,000 jobs were saved, though that figure includes headquarters and engineering staff that were likely to stay in Indiana.

The company attributed its decision to the incoming Trump administration and financial incentives provided by Indiana, which is something of a reversal, since earlier offers from the state had failed to sway Carrier from decamping to Mexico.

"Today's announcement is possible because the incoming Trump-Pence administration has emphasized to us its commitment to support the business community and create an improved, more competitive U.S. business climate," the company said.

In February, United Technologies said it would close its Carrier air conditioning and heating plant in Indianapolis and move its manufacturing to Mexico. The plant's workers would have been laid off over three years starting in 2017.

## Trump says he's leaving businesses to avoid conflicts

**NEW YORK** (AP)—President-elect Donald Trump declared Wednesday he will leave his business empire behind to focus on his presidency. But the prospect that he could simply shift more control to three of his adult children looked too cozy to some business-ethics specialists who suggest the arrangement could bring unprecedented conflicts of interest into the Oval Office.

Trump announced in a series of early morning tweets that he would leave his "great business," adding: "While I am not mandated to do this under the law, I feel it is visually important, as president, to in no way have a conflict of interest with my various businesses."

Trump provided no details, though he said legal documents were being prepared. He previously had said he'd leave his business operations to his three eldest children—Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka.

Asked if the tweets indicated plans to move the businesses to the children, Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said Wednesday, "it appears that way."

"The three adult children who do already work in the corporation are expected to continue in those roles and in fact increase their responsibilities in those roles," Conway said.

Ethics experts have pushed for Trump to fully exit the ownership of his businesses using a blind trust or equivalent arrangement.

"Otherwise he will have a personal financial interest in his businesses that will sometimes conflict with the public interest and constantly raise questions," Norman Eisen, President Barack Obama's chief ethics lawyer, and Richard Painter, who held the same post for President George W. Bush, said in a joint statement. The laws are generally loose for presidents regarding their businesses except when it comes to ties to or gifts from foreign governments.

All 16 Democratic members of House Judiciary Committee wrote to Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., to request hearings to examine conflicts-of-interest and ethics provisions that may apply to Trump.

Trump spent much of Wednesday conducting meetings in his Manhattan high-rise. His pick for secretary of state remains up in the air, though aides say he has narrowed his choices to four. One contender, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney dined with him Tuesday.

Trump has moved forward with other Cabinet selections, choosing former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin as Treasury secretary and billionaire investor Wilbur Ross for Commerce.

Mnuchin, 53, led Trump's finance operations during the presidential campaign, but he has no government experience. If confirmed by the Senate, he would play a central role in shaping Trump's tax policies and infrastructure plans. He would also lead an agency tasked with implementing international economic sanctions.

Mnuchin would follow in the tradition of two previous Treasury secretaries who worked at the Goldman Sachs investment firm. During the campaign, Trump repeatedly criticized Hillary Clinton's ties to Wall Street banks and hit her for paid speeches at Goldman Sachs.

# Nation

## FBI: Islamic State group might have inspired OSU attacker

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—A Somali-born student who carried out a car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University might have been inspired by the Islamic State group and a former al-Qaida leader, investigators said Wednesday.

Law enforcement officials said that it's too soon to say the rampage that hurt 11 people on Monday was terrorism. They said they aren't aware of any direct contact between the Islamic State group and the attacker, Ohio State student Abdul Razak Ali Artan.

"We only believe he may have been inspired" by the group, said Angela Byers, the top FBI agent overseeing federal investigations in the southern half of Ohio.

Artan also might have been influenced by Anwar al-Awlaki, a U.S.-born cleric who took a leadership role in al-Qaida before being killed in a 2011 U.S. drone strike in Yemen, Byers said.

Al-Awlaki has been cited as inspiration by numerous terror suspects over the years, including the brothers who bombed the Boston Marathon, the Army psychiatrist who killed 13 people at Fort Hood, Texas, and, more recently, the man charged in bombings in New York and New Jersey.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said investigators are still going through Artan's electronic devices, but it seems clears he was radicalized online.

He also said there doesn't seem to be much time between the onset of Artan's apparent radicalization and the attack, a period known in law enforcement and intelligence circles as "flash to bang." That trend has disquieted law enforcement officials, who fear disaffected individuals are being inspired to violence after being only briefly exposed to radical ideology.

"This may be one of those cases which was just unpreventable," he said, adding that there was no evidence yet to suggest Artan had been publicly communicating radical intentions over a long period of time.

He said the fact that Artan may have been inspired by a cleric killed five years ago shows the "limits of taking people off the battlefield."

**SOUTHERN PLAGUES:**

## Drought, flood, fire, now killer storms

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** (AP)—Tornadoes that dropped out of the night sky killed five people in two states and injured at least a dozen more early Wednesday, adding to a seemingly biblical onslaught of drought, flood and fire plaguing the South.

The storms tore through just as firefighters began to get control of wildfires that killed seven and damaged or wiped out more than 700 homes and businesses around the resort town of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. In Alabama, the weather system dumped more than 2 inches of rain in areas that had been parched by months of choking drought.

At least 13 confirmed twisters damaged homes, splintered barns and toppled trees in parts of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, the National Weather Service said. Tombstones were even knocked over in the cemetery behind the badly damaged Rosalie Baptist Church, near where three people died in northeastern Alabama.

"It looks like the rapture happened up there," said church member Steve Hall, referring to the end-times belief of many Christians.

"Are we thinking the Lord is trying to get our attention?" said the pastor, Roger Little.

The National Weather Service was assessing damage from multiple possible tornadoes across the region. At least five hit Alabama, and three more struck southern Tennessee, and one confirmed in Louisiana and at least 4 in Mississippi, forecasters said.

A possible tornado was spotted on the ground Wednesday a few miles from Atlanta, and flights were briefly delayed at the city's main airport, but no major damage occurred.

Three people were killed and one person critically injured in a mobile home after an apparent twister hit tiny Rosalie, about 115 miles northeast of Birmingham, said Jackson County Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen.

A suspected tornado was responsible for the death of a husband and wife in southern Tennessee's Polk County, while an unknown number of others were injured, said Tennessee Emergency Management Agency spokesman Dean Flener. No details were immediately available.

The Daily Post-Athenian in Athens, Tennessee, reported the Meigs County sheriff's office said lightning is suspected as the cause of two deaths in a mobile home fire overnight.

Shirley Knight, whose family owns a small propane business in Rosalie, said the storm crashed in on them in the middle of the night. Daybreak revealed mangled sheets of metal, insulation and a ladder hanging in trees.


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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2017. In order for NMHC to extend your company's inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen's Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them (CONSTRUCTION QUARRY, READY-MIX CEMENT & HARDWARE STORES)
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 31, 2016 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY'S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF "APPROVED CONTRACTORS".**

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Businesses (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS**
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the **Operations Committee** will meet on **Tuesday**, **December 6, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.**

The **Personnel Committee** will also meet on the **same day immediately right after** the Operations Committee meeting. The committee meetings will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA***

I. **Preliminary Matters**
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Adoption of Agenda

II. **Public Comments****

III. **Management Report**
   A. Desalination
   B. Update on Docomo Memorandum of Understanding
   C. Update on As Terlaje Waterline Repair

IV. **Executive Session*****
   (Discuss and confer with the Legal Counsel on Operations Matters)

V. **Adjournment**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA***

I. **Preliminary Matters**
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Adoption of Agenda

II. **Public Comments****

III. **Management Report**
   A. Status of Position Vacancies
      1. Fiscal Budget Officer
      2. Safety Officer (Tinian)
      3. Safety Officer-in Charge (Saipan)
      4. Positions for Rota
      5. Salary Adjustments

IV. **Executive Session*****
   (Discuss and confer with the Legal Counsel on Personnel Matters)

V. **Adjournment**

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Committee members may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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### COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Announcement # JVA17-002

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will monitor and supervise participants for the CNMI Drug Court. The compliance specialist will work directly with men and women who have substance abuse addictions and will report to Drug Court Manager and Court regarding participant compliance in the program. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provides assistance to the Drug Court Manager in monitoring participants;
- Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for court appearance in drug court hearing;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual drug court cases from resource areas including, as necessary, participants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc;
- Contacts public and private community resources to secure services for participants. Maintains a continuing and ongoing relationships with the agencies as necessary;
- Coordinates enforcement of drug court orders including curfews and home detention with CNMI Drug Court Probation Officer and Law Enforcement Officers;
- Maintains contact with local law enforcement agencies, Drug Court Judge, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Attorney General, employers, local social service agencies, schools and others;
- Coordinates investigations in preparation of court-ordered reports staffing and hearings;
- Maintains case records and statistical data for evaluation purposes and for submission to the Drug Court Manager;
- Attends and participates in Drug Court staffings and hearings;
- Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and other related forums;
- Follows Court policy for monitoring payments ordered by the Court. The payments to be monitored include, but are not limited to, restitution, fine, child supports, etc.;
- Works closely with Drug Court Caseworkers to support case management, coordination of services and monitoring;
- Conducts gender-specific observed drug testing in accordance with CNMI Drug Court protocols; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have obtained an associate's degree from a recognized college or university in criminal or behavioral science or related field. Have four (4) years experience in the law enforcement or other related experience.

Applicant must have a professional demeanor and be able to exercise good judgment in stressful situations. The ability to maintain client confidentiality at all times is imperative. Report writing skills and case management experience would be preferred. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered. Criminal record check will be conducted. Drug test designated position.

Have a valid driver's license and be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel; must be knowledgeable about the use of data systems.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be $25,000 - $28,000 annually.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### DEPUTY CLERK III

Announcement # JVA17-003
Office of the Clerk of Court
Superior Court
SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The Employee in this class performs work with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and action in accordance with established policies, practices and court procedure. The following are required duties:

- Receive, review and record documents filed for hearing;
- Review documents presented by litigants for accuracy, proper form, and conformance with court rules and decisions for approval and signature by judges;
- Track cases taken under advisement, ensure updates of same and provide periodic reports to the Clerk of Court and effected judges;
- Set the court calendar and adjust the same to maximize courtroom time and meet unusual situations;
- Prepare bench warrants, subpoenas, summonses and other related documents for issuance;
- Assess fines, receive and account for monies, issues receipts, prepare deposit slips, and make disbursements when ordered or directed;
- Interpret and disseminate information, law, policies, and procedures governing the hearing of cases;
- Maintain the list of court-appointed attorneys and ensure their rotation for indigent criminals, juveniles and 8 CMC §1719 cases;
- Assist with the certification of records in cases appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court;
- Serve as a courtroom clerk for the judges, which includes but is not limited to the following: ensuring courtroom readiness for proceedings, attending court sessions, administering oaths to witnesses, operating electronic recording equipment, listing all relevant portions of proceedings on a log, receiving, marking and assuming responsibility of all introduced evidence, and performing translation during proceedings;
- Assist with the training and supervision of assigned deputy clerks and section staff; the training includes but is not limited to courtroom procedures, custodianship of records, certification of records, administering of oaths, administering jury panels, and other clerkship duties for all trial court proceeding;
- Assist with preparation of reports to include compact impact, organizational performance, statistical data, procurement and asset management, and others as required;
- Assist in the intake, retrieval and storage methods of all Drug Court Cases and enforce procedures regarding record and custodianship issues;
- Assist with the day to day operation of the Office of the Clerk of Court;
- Monitor the case flow of all drug court cases by working with all stakeholders;
- Assist with calendaring and docket handling within the division; and
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have obtained a bachelors degree from a recognized college or university in business administration or related field, plus a minimum of four (4) years of experience in legal, law enforcement, court administrative or related work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be $32,000 – 35,000 annually.

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# Asia

### AT SITE OF 1986 REVOLT:

## Filipinos protest Marcos burial

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Thousands of Filipino protesters returned Wednesday to the site of a 1986 revolt that ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos, this time to condemn his burial at a heroes' cemetery.

Police said at least 3,000 people gathered at the "People Power" monument along the main EDSA highway in metropolitan Manila, chanting "Dig him up." Protesters held up pro-democracy placards, including one that read, "Keep calm and democracy will die."

Millions gathered three decades ago at the site just outside the main military and police camps in a largely peaceful uprising to oust Marcos, ending a presidency marked by massive corruption and human rights violations.

Wednesday's protest was the latest in a growing political storm following the Nov. 18 burial, which was allowed by President Rodrigo Duterte and upheld by the Supreme Court amid protests by anti-Marcos groups.

The rally speakers included Maria Serena Diokno, who resigned Tuesday as head of the government's historical commission to protest the burial.

Hundreds of protesters march towards the Presidential Palace to protest the Nov. 18, 2016 burial of the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos at the Heroes' Cemetery in a secrecy-shrouded ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016 in Manila, Philippines. AP

"We should never forget our history," Diokno said. "We won't allow even a part of the dictatorship to return."

A few thousand activists gathered separately last week in a "Black Friday" protest at Manila's seaside Rizal Park, where they carried Marcos' effigy in a mock coffin.

Duterte, whose father served in Marcos's Cabinet, allowed the burial on grounds that there was no law barring his interment at the Heroes' Cemetery, where presidents, soldiers, statesmen and national artists are buried. It was a political risk in a country where democracy advocates still celebrate Marcos's ouster each year.

Duterte's decision was upheld earlier this month by the Supreme Court. Marcos opponents had 15 days to appeal the decision, but Marcos's family, backed by Duterte's defense and military officials, buried him in a secrecy-shrouded ceremony with military honors at the cemetery.

The stealthy burial enraged democracy advocates and sparked protests in Manila and other cities, including in southern Davao city, the president's hometown.

## South Korean opposition struggles for clear impeachment plan

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—South Korean President Park Geun-hye's conditional resignation offer appears to be causing cracks in what previously had been a strong push for her impeachment, with opponents now struggling to set a date for a vote to strip her of power.

Park offered Tuesday to leave office if parliament arranges a safe transfer of power, triggering an immediate backlash from opposition parties, which called the overture a stalling tactic to help the president navigate through a huge political scandal involving her shadowy confidante.

Leaders of the country's three main opposition parties met Wednesday and agreed to stick with their plan to try to vote on an impeachment motion as early as Friday. But they also said they'd meet again if that plan does not work, meaning they're bracing for the possibility that a Friday vote might not take place.

Much of their hesitation to pick a clear date is due to the fact that there are not enough opposition lawmakers to pass an impeachment through parliament, and they would need help from dissenters in Park's ruling Saenuri Party.

The three opposition parties and anti-Park independent lawmakers have a total of 172 seats in the 300-seat National Assembly. A passage of an impeachment motion requires at least 200 votes in favor. About 40 ruling party lawmakers have expressed their willingness to vote to oust Park.

But after Park's resignation offer Tuesday, made in an address to the nation, anti-Park lawmakers gathered and agreed it would be best for Park to resign in April, after the installation of a neutral Cabinet that can help ensure a stable power transfer until a new president is elected, according to the office of Hwang Young-cheul, one of the lawmakers who attended the meeting.

They said they would still take part in a possible impeachment vote on Dec. 9 if details for an April resignation aren't worked out through negotiations, Hwang's office said.

Opposition parties have previously said a vote on Park's impeachment would take place either on Friday or Dec. 9, because parliamentary plenary sessions are already scheduled on those days.

"It's true that some cracks have taken place at anti-Park forces in the Saenuri Party after her speech," said an official at the main opposition Democratic Party, formerly known by its Korean-language name, Minjoo.

The official, who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media, said opposition parties are using unofficial, backroom channels to see if they can still secure enough Saenuri lawmakers who would align with their impeachment drive.

If impeached, Park's presidential powers would be suspended until the Constitutional Court makes a ruling on her fate. The court would have 180 days to deliberate.

Park, in her Tuesday speech, continued to deny accusations by prosecutors that she colluded in the criminal activities of her longtime friend Choi Soon-sil, who, despite having no official role in government, allegedly had a say in policy decisions and exploited her presidential ties to bully companies into giving large sums of money to businesses and foundations that Choi controlled.

# World

## Brazil team honored as experts study possible fuel problem

**MEDELLIN, Colombia** (AP)—Simultaneous tear-filled tributes were held at packed stadiums in Colombia and Brazil for the victims of this week's air tragedy that claimed 71 lives when a chartered plane crashed while ferrying a scrappy, small-town soccer team to the finals of a prestigious South American tournament.

The tributes took place Wednesday night as crash investigators aided by dramatic cockpit recordings were studying why the British-built jet apparently ran out of fuel before slamming into a muddy mountainside just a few miles from Medellin's international airport.

In the sometimes chaotic exchange with the air traffic tower, the pilot of the British-built jet requested permission to land because of "fuel problems" without making a formal distress call. A female controller explained another plane that had been diverted with mechanical problems of its own was already approaching the runway and had priority, instructing the pilot to wait seven minutes.

As the jetliner circled in a holding pattern, the pilot grew more desperate. "Complete electrical failure, without fuel," he said in the tense final moments before the plane set off on a four-minute death spiral.

By then the controller had gauged the seriousness of the situation and told the other plane to abandon its approach to make way for the charter jet. It was too late. Just before going silent, the pilot said he was flying at an altitude of 9,000 feet and made a final plea to land: "Vectors, senorita. Landing vectors."

The recording, obtained by Colombian media, appeared to confirm the accounts of a surviving flight attendant and a pilot flying nearby who overheard the frantic exchange. These, along with the lack of an explosion upon impact, pointed to a rare case of fuel burnout as a cause of the crash of the jetliner, a BAE 146 Avro RJ85 that experts said was at its maximum range on the flight from Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

"The airplane was being flight-planned right to its maximum. Right there it says that even if everything goes well they are not going to have a large amount of fuel when they arrive," said John Cox, a retired airline pilot and CEO of Florida-based Safety Operating Systems. "I don't understand how they could do the flight nonstop with the fuel requirements that the regulations stipulate."

While the experts worked, thousands of white-clad supporters of Medellin's Atletico Nacional club jammed the stands of the 40,000-seat stadium where the team had been scheduled to play a Copa Sudamericana finals match against Brazil's ill-fated Chapecoense. With the words "Eternal Champions" blazing on a big screen, the normally combative Atletico fans put sportsmanship first and paid tribute to the rival team, which they've urged be named the champion.

The names of each of the 71 victims of Monday night's crash was read aloud while a military band played taps and Black Hawk helicopters that helped in the rescue operations that pulled six people alive from the wreckage flew overhead. In the stands, mourners stood for a minute of silence holding candles and signs reading "We're all Chapeconese" and "Soccer has no borders."

The emotional high point of the tribute in Medellin was an address by Brazilian Foreign Minister Jose Serra, who traveled to the city along with a military cargo plane to help repatriate the bodies of the mostly Brazilian victims. He highlighted the fact that both teams shared the same green and white jersey colors, a sign to him of unity amid tragedy.

## Iraq's special forces control 19 Mosul neighborhoods

**AL-QASR, Iraq** (AP)—Iraqi special forces fighting Islamic State militants on the eastern side of Mosul have retaken 19 neighborhoods from the extremist group since the battle for the city began last month, a senior Iraqi commander said on Wednesday.

Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil of the special forces told The Associated Press his men were now about four kilometers (2.5 miles) from the Tigris river, which slices the city in half. He said the 19 neighborhoods constituted less than 30 percent of the part of the city east of the Tigris.

The government last month launched a massive campaign to retake Mosul from IS. The offensive was launched on multiple fronts, but most of the fighting has to date been concentrated in the city's eastern sector, with Iraq's special forces taking the lead.

The presence inside the city of an estimated 1 million residents has slowed down the campaign's progress, with the Iraqis and their allies in a U.S.-led coalition avoiding the use of overwhelming power to protect civilians.

He said also that rain has vastly reduced the scale of fighting in Mosul on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Iraqi army troops sweeping through an area southeast of Mosul on Wednesday came under attack from Islamic State militants firing automatic weapons and mortars.

The troops from the 9th Armored Division were on a foot patrol when they came under fire by IS militants stationed on the opposite bank of the Tigris River.

The troops were sweeping an area east of the Tigris before they pressed on with their advance on Mosul, Iraq's second largest city captured by IS in June 2014.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### DEPUTY MARSHAL I

Announcement # JVA17-004
On the island of SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Director of Law Enforcement and Security in the Marshal Service Division on Saipan which involves the enforcement and execution of judicial orders and assigned law enforcement duties. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Performs enforcement and execution of court orders and service documents such as jury summons;
- Performs court security duties required for judicial proceedings, protection of justices, judges, court staff, clients, jurors, witnesses, and judicial facilities; assists in the operation of the court's security control monitoring systems;
- Conducts inspection and screening of all persons entering the courthouse and prohibits the entrance onto the court's premises of any items that are restricted or prohibited; provides the public with direction and information on all public services locations within the courthouse;
- Prepares written reports of service and non-service documents, incidents, and other reports as required;
- Performs prisoner handling while awaiting court hearings; escorts prisoners to courtrooms and to holding cells as directed;
- Has knowledge of and follows courtroom directives;
- Completes annually all required training including firearms; complies to all procedures relative to the proper use, maintenance, and security of government issued firearms; and
- Performs other duties on the courthouse premises as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent, a minimum of two (2) years experience in law enforcement and/or one year college level education in criminal justice or related field of study. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is an ungraded position appointed and served at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be $16,652 - $20,000 annually.

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### PROBATION OFFICER I

For two (2) Positions
Announcement # JVA17-005/6

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the Chief Probation Officer in the Office of Adult Probation on Saipan which involves investigating, monitoring and/or supervising various levels and types of offenders' court ordered probation. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Performs all assigned duties relating to probationers' cases scheduled for court hearings;
- Investigates thoroughly offenders' personal history, background and environment;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual cases from resource areas like the offenders' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc.
- Conducts interviews with probationers according to approved techniques in order to determine and clarify probationers' problems, and consulting with the supervisor as necessary, suggests constructive methods for dealing with such problems;
- Contacts public and private community agencies to secure their aid in solving probationers' problems. Maintains a continuing and ongoing relationship with the agencies as necessary;
- Documents facts and testifies in Court with respect to the Probationers' activities, behavior, and quality of adjustment while under supervision;
- Appears in Court for the purpose of providing testimony on Probation cases;
- Enforces Court Orders involving Probation cases;
- Attends public relations activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision functions; and
- Performs other law enforcement and public safety related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have obtained a bachelors degree from a recognized college or university. Have three (3) years experience in legal, law enforcement and/or court work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary will be $20,485 annually.

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# Off The Wall

## Police: Thief stole 86 lb. bucket of gold flakes worth $1.6M

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Police in New York City are looking for a quick-thinking thief who stole an 86-pound bucket of gold flakes worth nearly $1.6 million off an armored truck in Manhattan.

The unidentified thief swiped the 5-gallon metal bucket off the back of the vehicle on Sept. 29 when a guard briefly went to the truck's cab to reportedly retrieve his cellphone.

The incident occurred in broad daylight on West 48th Street in Midtown Manhattan.

Security video shows the black bucket on a pallet inside the open back door of the truck. The man looks around, approaches the truck and lifts the bucket out.

Two men are standing on the sidewalk beside the truck, engaged in animated conversation, and don't appear to notice the man with the bucket walking past them.

Lots of other pedestrians and vehicles stream past as he heads down the sidewalk with one arm wrapped around the bucket and his other hand beneath it.

At one point, he sets it down at the curb, takes a breather for a few seconds, then hoists it again and steps into the street.

Police say it took the thief an hour to complete what would normally be considered a 10-minute walk. He then hopped into a white van and fled.

Police say the suspect likely didn't know what the bucket contained.

The suspect is believed to be hiding out in Florida.

## Tallow tensions: Vegans want 'fat-free' UK 5-pound bank note

In this Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 file photo, a Bank of England employee shows the new five pound note at the Bank of England Museum in London. AP

**LONDON** (AP)—The Bank of England's new plastic 5-pound note is stronger, cleaner and safer—but apparently not suitable for vegetarians.

Vegans and vegetarians are calling for the new bank notes, which have only been in circulation for two months, to be replaced because they are made with a substance derived from animal fat.

The Bank of England confirmed on Twitter that the notes contain "a trace of a substance known as tallow"—a rendered form of animal fat, processed from suet, which is sometimes used in soaps and candles.

An online petition against the notes has been getting attention Wednesday. The petition says the use of tallow is "unacceptable to millions of vegans, vegetarians, Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and others in the U.K."

The Bank of Canada says their bank notes also have tallow, according to a CBC report.

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Friendly otter jumps onto kayak, joins birthday celebration

MOSS LANDING, Calif. (AP)—A friendly otter joined a couple celebrating a birthday in Northern California by jumping into one of their kayaks and making itself at home, rolling around and even nibbling on some shoes. Heather VanNes said Wednesday she and her husband, John Koester, were celebrating his birthday Monday in a slough near Moss Landing and had just gotten in the water when they spotted a raft of otters. They went by to watch them from a distance of at least 50 feet when one of the otters began swimming toward her husband's kayak and jumped right onto it. Koester says the otter plopped into the front of the boat, rolled around, scratched his belly and ears and nibbled on rope and his shoes. He says it appeared the otter "was having a good time." Koester says the otter was at least 80 pounds and stayed on the kayak for at least 10 minutes until. After he started paddling, the otter jumped back into the water.

### Wildlife cameras capture photos of jokers dressed as lions

GARDNER, Kan. (AP)—Motion-activated cameras intended to capture images of mountain lions in a Kansas park have instead snapped pictures of pranksters dressed as animals, monsters and Santa Claus. Police said they found the images on the two cameras at the park in Gardner on Monday. Interspersed among images of skunks and coyotes were photos of people wearing costumes pretending to be lions wrestling, a gorilla, various monsters and an old person with a walker. And of course Santa made an appearance during the three nights of high jinks. Cpl. Robert Huff said it was "pretty comical" and "creative." The pranksters have not come forward. The cameras were established this month to investigate reports of mountain lions. No mountain lions were detected. Gardner is 30 miles southwest of downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

### Police seek pair who stole dump truck, dragged away an ATM

MOSCOW, Pa. (AP)—Police are searching for two people they say stole a dump truck from a housing development then used it to drag an automatic teller machine out of a grocery store in northeastern Pennsylvania. Police in Covington Township say the men attached a chain to the machine at Bill's ShopRite grocery shortly before 2 a.m. Tuesday. The theft, captured on surveillance video, shows the men were driving a truck from Thornhurst Country Club Estates. Officials there have confirmed the vehicle is a $70,000 plow and dump truck that was stolen sometime between 1 p.m. Monday and 1:30 a.m. Tuesday. The stolen truck has since been recovered, as has part of the ATM. Police haven't said how much money was stolen. The men were wearing masks and heavier clothing with hoods.


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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**
**VACANT PROPERTIES - OORT OF SAIPAN**

**CPA-RFP-003-17**

**OCTOBER 27, 2016**

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a lease contract for three (3) lots of real property leases of Authority property on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Authority has three (3) vacant property lots available for lease in an area zoned for commercial/industrial.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, **Request for Proposals**, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Proposal requirements and property details can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor – arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning Thursday, October 27, 2016, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proposals must be received by the authority at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor – arrival building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**

By: **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
Acting Executive Director



MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

**MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 07, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

**MEETING AGENDA**

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes
      a. Regular Board Meeting - October 27, 2016
2) **Public Comments**
3) **Committee Reports**
4) **New Business**
   1. Integrity Communications Contract Renewal
   2. Change Order for Offshore Contract
   3. Electrical Power to the Puerto Rico Park
   4. 500 Sails Project to Build a 40 foot Sakman
   5. Saipan Mayor's Office MOU for Sugar King Park Project
   6. Saipan Mayor's Office proposal for Destination Enhancement Project
   7. RFP for Trash Collection at the Marpi Area
5) **Old Business**
   1. Update on Travel Per Diem Policy
   2. Adoption of amendment to NMIAC §90-20-210 (b)(2) Small Purchases
6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
7) **Executive Session**
8) **Adjournment**

/s/ **Marian Aldan-Pierce**
Chair, MVA Board of Directors



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**TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES**
**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MESSAGE:** The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Lt Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that an **Executive Board Meeting** is scheduled for **December 6-7 (Tuesday and Wednesday), 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, at the **Honorable Antonio C. Atalig Rota Public Library Memorial Building, at Tatachog, Rota MP 96951**. The following items are included in the agenda:

**CNMI Board of Parole Executive Board Meeting**
**Agenda**

I. **Preliminary Matters**
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Presence of Quorum

II. **Consent Items**
   A. Adoption of Agenda

III. **Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes**
   A. Board Meeting - October 7, 2016

IV. **Review of Board Policies and Procedures**
   A. Parole Rules and Regulations
   B. Election of Officers
   C. Substance Abuse Testing Policy
   D. Operations Manual
   E. Hearings and Meetings Procedures
   F. Parole Supervision Assessment Fees
   G. Proposed Memorandums of Understanding
      a. DPS - Inter-island Parolee Supervision and Monitoring

V. **Miscellaneous**
   A. Schedule of Next Board Meeting
   B. Schedule of Next Board Hearing

VI. **Adjournment**

**If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.**

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
BOP Chairman
Date: 11/21/1016

# Science & Technology

## Binge watching on Netflix no longer requires Internet access

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Netflix subscribers can now binge on many of their favorite shows and movies even when they don't have an Internet connection.

AP
In this Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, file photo, a person displays Netflix on a tablet in North Andover, Mass.

The long-awaited offline option announced Wednesday gives Netflix's 87 million subscribers offline access to videos for the first time in the streaming service's decade-long history.

Netflix is matching a downloading feature that one of its biggest rivals, Amazon.com, has been offering to its video subscribers for the past year. It's something that also has been available on YouTube's popular video site, though a subscription is required in the U.S. and other countries where the site sells its "Red" premium service.

The new feature puts Netflix a step ahead of two other major rivals. Offline options aren't available on HBO's internet-only package, HBO Now, or Hulu, although that service has publicly said it hopes to introduce a downloading feature.

Netflix subscribers wishing to download a video on their smartphone or tablet need to update the app on their Apple or Android device.

Not all of the selections in Netflix's video library can be downloaded, although several of the service's most popular shows, including "Orange Is The New Black," ''House of Cards," and "Stranger Things," are now available to watch offline.

Downloadable movies include "Spotlight," this year's Oscar winner for best film. Notably missing from the downloadable menu are movies and TV shows made by Walt Disney Co. Those still require an internet connection to watch on Netflix.

The Los Gatos, California, company is promising to continue to adding more titles to its offline roster.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings had long resisted calls for an offline-viewing option, much to the frustration of customers who wanted flexibility to use their subscriptions to watch a show or movie when traveling on a train, plane or car where internet connections are spotty or completely unavailable.

## Facebook adds free games like 'Pac-Man' to Messenger app

**NEW YORK** (AP)—You can now play "Pac-Man" with your Facebook Messenger buddies.

Facebook is adding the option to play games with your contacts on the messaging app beginning Tuesday. You can access the feature in the latest version of the app by tapping a game controller icon.

Games available include classics such as "Pac-Man," ''Space Invaders" and "Galaga," as well as newer titles like "Words With Friends." It's the latest effort by the world's biggest social network to get people to spend even more time on its properties.

Messenger has a billion users. The app will recommend games based on whether your friends play. Currently there is no way to play with people who are not your Messenger contacts, so if your friends don't like to play games, you are out of luck.

Called "Instant Games," the feature will begin in 30 countries, with 17 titles, though more will come. In addition to Messenger, users can also play solo games in their Facebook news feed.

Facebook tested the waters with two simple Messenger games earlier this year—soccer and basketball, both of which involved flicking balls on the screen with your finger. They proved popular.

Facebook has a long history with gaming, which began with "FarmVille" years ago when people logged in using desktop computers. But since then, Facebook gaming has sort of fallen by the wayside, even as mobile games from "Candy Crush" to "Pokemon Go" have remained popular. Facebook hopes to change that with its Instant Games.

## TOP APPS

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending Nov. 27, 2016:

### TOP PAID IPHONE APPS:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
3. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
4. Toca Life: Stable, Toca Boca AB
5. MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
7. Goblin Sword, Eleftherios Christodoulatos
8. NBA 2K17, 2K
9. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
10. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.

### TOP FREE IPHONE APPS:

1. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
2. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
3. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
4. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Archery King, Miniclip.com
8. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
9. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.
10. 8 Ball Pool, Miniclip.com

### TOP PAID IPAD APPS:

1. Toca Life: Stable, Toca Boca AB
2. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
4. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
5. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
6. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
7. Toca Lab, Toca Boca AB
8. Toca Life: Farm, Toca Boca AB
9. Procreate - Sketch, paint, create., Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
10. Moana: Rhythm Run, Disney

### TOP FREE IPAD APPS:

1. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
3. Archery King, Miniclip.com
4. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
5. Rolling Sky, Cheetah Technology Corporation Limited
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Roll the Ball - slide puzzle, BitMango
8. Minecraft: Story Mode, Telltale Inc
9. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
10. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc.


IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Francisca Cruz Laniyo Kapileo (Leirangesow)

LOVINGLY KNOWN AS "KAI"

MARCH 9, 1958 – NOVEMBER 26, 2016

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

**Husband:** Arnold Ongomaschigh Ilo Kapileo

**Children and spouses:** Roy Rangesowscheng Laniyo/Joyce Macaranas; Arnicia Leirangeschiigh Laniyo Kapileo-Wabol/Iune Francisco K. Wabol

**Grandchildren:** Leoline Francine T. Laniyo, Arisca Mariana Leisarelap Wabol, Liam Arnold Macaranas Laniyo

**Reared Children:** Michael Saures and Dennis Norita

**Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:** Vicente/Hermina Laniyo, Catalina Laniyo Tebit, Juan Norita, Maria Lourdes Laniyo, Saikichy Angey, Augustina K./Frank Salas, Adela I. Kapileo, Abelina K./Dale Drexler, Agnes K./Bernard Charley, Dionicia I. Kapileo, Candelaria K./William Agulto, Henry/Eme Kapileo, John I. Kapileo, Martin/Alma Kapileo, Ernest/Priscilla Kapileo

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In her new Life, Kai will be welcomed at the gates of Heaven by her:

**Parents:** Maria Iguel Cruz
Alejandro Rangesow Itibus Laniyo

**Parents-in-Law:** Victoria Leischamwar Ilo Kapileo
Enrique Remayong M. Kapileo

**Siblings:** Crispina Laniyo Norita, Cecilia Laniyo Mettao, Rita Laniyo Saures, Jose Cruz Laniyo

**Sister & Brother-in-law:** Luisa Kapileo Angey, Vicente Tebit

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of her sole is being celebrated at San Jose Church Monday to Saturday (November 28-December 2) at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. alternately. On Sunday, December 3, 2016, Mass of Intention will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.

Funeral services will be on Monday, December 5, 2016. She will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel to her place of residence at the Ghasias, Middle Road, Chalan LauLau for viewing. Responso service and Rosary will take place upon her arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at San Jose Church followed by Interment Services at the Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be laid in a peaceful rest. Please join us in prayers.

Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated. Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Olomwaay

**THE FAMILY**

# Life & Style

# Victoria's Secret rocks Paris with $3M bra and Lady Gaga

The laciest, if not raciest, catwalk event of the year—aka, the Victoria's Secret fashion show—took place Wednesday night in in the City of Light. Among the takeaways: performances by Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars, sisters Bella and Gigi Hadid joining forces, as well as a $3 million Fantasy bra modelled by Jasmine Tookes. Here are the highlights of the Paris show:

Models display creations during the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show inside the Grand Palais, in Paris, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016. AP

## ANGELS IN RED

Guests shuffled into the huge steel-and-glass atrium of Paris' Grand Palais to the sound of a string orchestra playing softly from a huge Arc de Triomphe decor.

The calm lasted only a few seconds, however, and was broken by the flash of red neon lights and bold rock music blasting out to announce the start of the 40-minute presentation, which infected the cheering guests.

Swedish model Elsa Hosk strutted out fittingly with electric energy in a cropped bustier—enveloped in a huge, three-dimensional red Chinese dragon; Kendall Jenner—in blood red—wore thigh-high boots, a long-line plunging bra and suede angel wing and Gigi Hadid looked like she would take off in flight, sporting a hand-painted cape with an Aztec-pattern that billowed as she walked.

The high-octane show was divided into six thematic sections, reflected in the colorful styles that bore inches of bare skin: Road Ahead, Mountain Romance, Pink Nation, Secret Angel, Dark Angel and Bright Night Angel.

The signature wings fluttered throughout—in feather, silk, gold gild, suede and Swarovski crystal.

"Not only do the wings get bigger but we tap into new artisans and people who do things with 3-D printing ... that's always the wonderful thing about working on the show," said Victoria's Secret Executive Producer Monica Mitro.

As the show ended, a million pieces of glittered ribbon fell on the angels and the adoring crowds.

## GAGA, MARS, THE WEEKND

With a retro bleached hairstyle, Lady Gaga gave a rousing and gutsy live performance of "Million Reasons" to the crowd, and appeared again for "A-YO."

At one point her microphone got stuck in the tassels of her dark cowboy hat, but this didn't stop the consummate professional, who continued singing "John Wayne" as Victoria's Secret models danced with her and crisscrossed the runway rhythmically to the beat.

As the 30-year-old popstar ended her set, she walked over to kiss Hadid's mother, reality TV star Yolanda Hadid, in her front row seat. (Before the show, Gaga treated her Instagram followers to a photo of herself in silver Victoria's Secret underwear).

Bruno Mars also performed several times, ramping up the energy and using the catwalk as his stage—in signature shades, with tuxedo-wearing backing dancers jiving behind him.

The American singer had guests jumping up and down for funky performances of "24K Magic" and "Chunky."

But it was perhaps The Weeknd that got the most cheers of the night. The singer serenaded Bella Hadid—with whom he has been romantically linked—with his hit song "Starboy," and almost followed her up the catwalk as she walked in a lace gown with silk organza corset.

## $3 MILLION FANTASY BRA

The Victoria's Secret Fantasy bra the 25-year-old Jasmine Tookes was selected to wear is considered the piece de resistance of the brand's runway display.

The bra, glimmering with thousands of gemstones, was presented like crown jewels ahead of the show. An incredible work of art, it was designed by Eddie Borgo and hand-crafted over 700 hours with gems from jeweler AWMouzannar.

"It is so beautiful. It's covered in white diamonds and emeralds and it has about 9,000 gemstones. It cost $3 million—so stunning," gushed Tookes backstage while she was having her hair done.

It's the third time a black model has been chosen to model the Fantasy Bra.

Tookes said the garment was constructed on a mold of her upper body, literally made to measure.

While the bra may be perfect for the runway presentation, Tookes joked she probably wouldn't want to go for a jog in it, given its weight.

"It's very heavy; it weighs more than 450 karats. It weighs down on my shoulders a little bit, but it's so worth it," she said, cheekily adding: "I might jog out of this show with it though."

## A (HADID) FAMILY AFFAIR

Hadid, 52, was the proudest of mothers Wednesday night.

For the first time, the former model could boast that Bella was included in the Victoria's Secret model line-up as well as Gigi for 2016.

"Last year, Gigi got it and Bella didn't get it and I felt awkward being there having Bella at home. And this year, it's just so perfect because they're both here. We're celebrating, the sisters together," she told The AP.

The three posed for cameras and kissed on the pink carpet following the collection—in a show of family love.

"It's all surreal. I mean, I came here when I was 16, modeling. So many years have gone by and to be here with both my girls.it's emotional. I keep looking at them and pinching myself. Whoever thought that this would happen?" she added.

## THE ORIGINAL ANGEL

She was one of the original Victoria's Secret models back in 1995.

Now at 51 years old—and just as youthful-looking—Veronica Webb spoke to the AP about the challenges and particularities of the famed fashion show that she began 21 years ago.

"I was in the first Victoria's Secret show and it was one of the most challenging bookings that I ever did because, obviously, if you're in a room and everyone else is dressed and you're in your underwear it's a little bit embarrassing," she said, laughing.

Webb, who made history as the first African-American to ever have a cosmetics contract, also recalled how important the experience boosted her professional life.

"It was one of the proudest moments of my career also because it took so much discipline and making so many fitness goals to get there," she said.

## EVEN VICTORIA'S SECRET MODELS GET NERVOUS

Brazilian beauty Lais Ribeiro physically jumped when a loudspeaker bellowed there was just one hour until show time.

"Butterflies just came stronger in my stomach. I'm getting very, very excited," Ribeiro, 26, told The Associated Press.

Ribeiro knows more than most about the hidden dangers in a show such as this, where models in towering heels can injure themselves. She hurt her foot as a Victoria's Secret Angel three years ago.

"What am I scared of? I twisted my ankle and kind of broke my foot in the rehearsal three years ago. So I'm always scared of the high heels (that might make) me miss this amazing show," she said. ***(AP)***

# Court filings suggest Prince's estate is worth $200 million

**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Prince's estate is worth about $200 million, a new court filing suggests.

It's the first time a specific estimate has emerged publicly from court proceedings following Prince's April overdose death. Since he left no known will, the rock superstar's sister and five half-siblings are in line to inherit equal shares of the estate—after taxes gobble up about half of it. By comparison, David Bowie's estate was worth about $100 million when he died in January, according to his will.

Shortly after Prince's death, when officials were beginning to place a value on his musical catalog, unreleased music, the Paisley Park studio complex and other assets, one lawyer for the company overseeing the estate, Bremer Trust, said it could be worth somewhere between $100 million and $300 million.

Attorneys have avoided giving specific figures in public since then, but based on a court filing made public this week, Bremer Trust puts the value of the estate at about $200 million, The Associated Press has calculated.

That figure is based on a memo that mentioned the company's fee as $90,000 per month. That's $1.08 million per year. Bremer Trust uses a fee schedule based on the value of an estate, and the sliding percentage drops to 0.5 percent for any assets over $10 million. The AP calculated that that annual fee works out to an estate worth $200 million.

Two estate law experts not connected with the Prince case who reviewed the documents agreed with that conclusion.

It's possible the value will rise or fall. The final total won't be determined until after more appraisals and taxing authorities decide what they think the estate is worth. Because of the looming tax bill, Bremer Trust may be lowballing the estate's estimated value, Minneapolis estate law attorney Susan Link said.

Bremer Trust's lead attorney on the estate, Laura Halferty, did not immediately respond to messages Wednesday seeking comment. Halferty's signature is on the memo that disclosed the $90,000 fee. Figures on the estate's value and Bremer's fee were redacted from earlier case documents.

The estates of some other dead rock superstars continue to generate big bucks. Forbes magazine's annual list of top-earning dead celebrities for 2016 showed Michael Jackson's estate collected $825 million, Elvis Presley's earned $27 million and Bowie's took in $10.5 million.

Prince's estate took in $25 million and sold more albums than any other dead musician to earn the No. 5 spot on the list.

Even so, the taxman inevitably cometh, and Link says the estate will be "writing a check for a whole lot of money." Prince's estate has until Jan. 21 to file federal and state estate tax returns. It can get a six-month extension, but still must pay the estimated tax—about half the estate's value—although it may be able to pay just 10 percent then and spread the rest out for 10 years, Link said.

# Drake tops Spotify's 2016 list with 4.7 billion streams

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Drake owned the year on Spotify: He's the most streamed act on the platform with 4.7 billion streams.

The rapper has the most streamed album and song—"Views" (2.45 billion) and "One Dance" (970 million)—on Spotify this year, it was announced late Wednesday.

Justin Bieber, Rihanna, twenty one pilots and Kanye West round out the top five artists of the year. The top albums following "Views" are Bieber's "Purpose," Rihanna's "Anti," twenty one pilots' "Blurryface" and The Weeknd's "Beauty Behind the Madness."

Mike Posner's "I Took a Pill in Ibiza—Seeb Remix" came in second after Drake's "One Dance" for top songs, followed by The Chainsmokers' "Don't Let Me Down," Rihanna and Drake's "Work" and Sia's "Cheap Thrills."

Zayn, the former One Direction member who released a solo album this year, is Spotify's top breakout artist.

Drake is the most streamed act of all-time on Spotify with 8.7 billion streams.

## Thousands attend Rockefeller Christmas tree lighting

AP

Angel sculptures frame the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree after the 84th annual Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting ceremony, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016, in New York.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Thousands of rain-drenched revelers gathered in midtown Manhattan Wednesday night to watch the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio flipped the switch just before 9 p.m., illuminating the 94-foot tall, 14-ton Norway spruce with 50,000 multicolored LED bulbs on 5 miles of wires. The tree is topped with a Swarovski star.

The 84th annual ceremony was televised by NBC and included performances by Neil Diamond, Sarah McLachlan, Tori Kelly and the Radio City Rockettes.

Security at the event was tight. Spectators were urged to use mass transit and umbrellas, backpacks and large bags were prohibited.

The holiday tradition started in 1931. This year's tree came from the backyard of Angie and Graig Eichler in the northern foothills of New York's Catskill mountain range.

Angie Eichler said their family has come almost every year to see the Rockefeller Center tree—but she never dreamed it would be theirs.

The tree will be lit every day from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. until Jan. 7. On Christmas Day the lights will be on 24 hours.

After the holidays, the tree will be milled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity.

## Obama welcomes 4 Nobel Prize laureates, minus Dylan

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Barack Obama welcomed four recipients of the Nobel Prize to the White House on Wednesday. Singer Bob Dylan wasn't among them.

Obama used the Oval Office meeting to send a reminder that America is unique in its ability to attract talent from all around the world to study at its universities.

Obama met with Duncan Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz, laureates of this year's Nobel Prize in Physics; Oliver Hart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences; and Sir J. Fraser Stoddart, laureate of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Obama said their work would lead to new products and technology, some of which can't be anticipated yet, and would inspire future scholars and scientists.

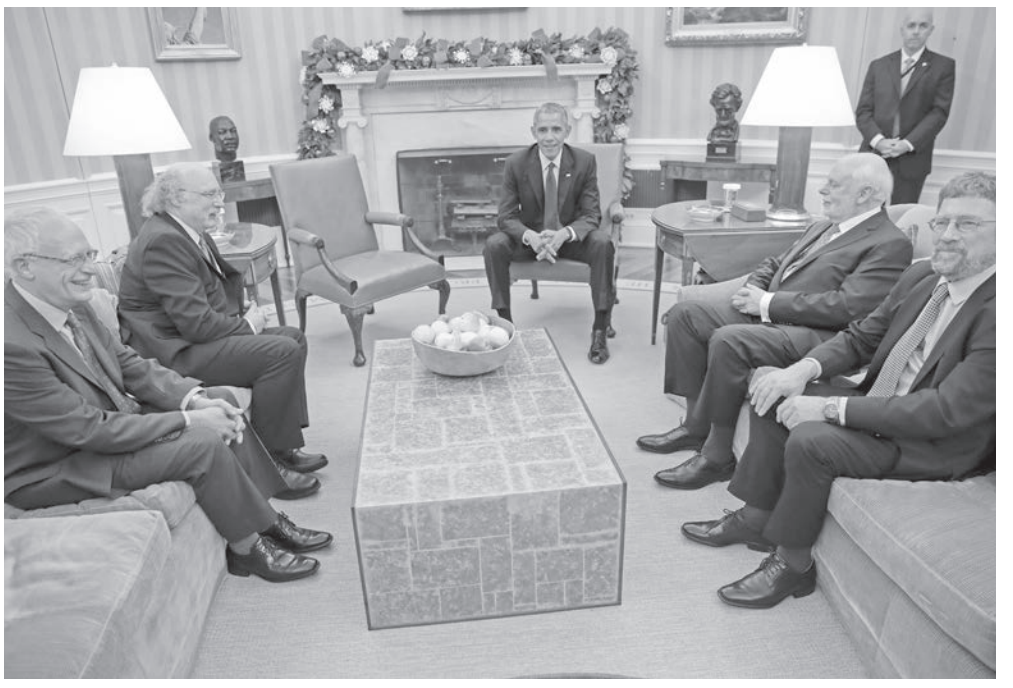
Dylan was awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize for literature but won't be attending the prize ceremony. He may travel to Stockholm next year and might give his Nobel Lecture then.

There was much speculation going into the day about whether Dylan would skip the White House meeting.

But White House spokesman Josh Earnest said during Wednesday's press briefing that "unfortunately, for those of you wondering, Bob Dylan will not be at the White House today, so everybody can relax."

Earnest says Dylan didn't give a reason, but he noted that Dylan and the president had met previously and "the president enjoyed meeting him."

In 2012, Obama presented the singer-songwriter with a Presidential Medal of Freedom.



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President Barack Obama with the 2016 American Nobel Prize winners in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016. With Obama are from left, Oliver Hart, Laureate of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, from Harvard University, F. Duncan M. Haldane, Laureate of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics from Princeton University, Sir J. Fraser Stoddart, Laureate of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry from Northwestern University, and J. Michael Kosterlitz, Laureate of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics, from Brown University.

## Sharing bed with infant can lead to sleep-related death

DEAR ABBY: While, as you replied to "Sleepy in California" (Sept. 17), some parents do "co-sleep" with their children for the first few months, what you were referring to is actually "bed sharing." Bed sharing was shown in studies several years ago to be the greatest risk factor for sleep-related deaths in young infants less than 4 months of age.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the March of Dimes have both recommended (for years!) against bed sharing in these young infants. Instead they recommend that young infants sleep in cribs near their parents. They should of course be on their backs and should not be sleeping with blankets or toys.

These deaths, mostly from suffocation or overheating, are sad and mostly preventable. The acceptance of bed sharing due to cultural influences is difficult to overcome. Please help by taking the time to educate your readers on the dangers of bed sharing with infants.

C. SMITH, M.D., FAAP

**DEAR DR. SMITH: I appreciate your writing to me. Your point is an important one, and that I omitted it was an oversight. I hope parents of infants will take your wise counsel to heart.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is 29, and we recently had a respectful, although heated, discussion about politics, agendas and the candidates. It turned out that we disagree on major issues, and we both can give chapter and verse about why we believe the way we do.

Something came to light, though. She's not the person I thought she was. She informed me that she had had an abortion. My feelings on this issue aren't a judgment call. This is a belief system for me, something ingrained in me. If she were a stranger, I would absolutely not be around her. Knowing what I do now, I am crushed.

She's my daughter, and we have always had our differences. But I feel so strongly about what she's doing and has done that I no longer want to be in the same room with her. She has a son I adore with all my heart, and I provide child care for him. I feel broken right now and could really use guidance.

BROKEN IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR BROKEN: I can only imagine how you must have felt to have learned about the abortion during a "heated discussion." However, there is a common misconception that women who decide to terminate a pregnancy do so lightly. They don't! If you don't know your daughter's reason for having hers, it might benefit both of you to talk calmly about it. You don't have to approve of her choice, but you should hear what she has to say.**

**Because you feel broken, this is something you should discuss with your religious adviser and take your cue from him or her. To cut off relations with your daughter —and by extension your grandson—would benefit no one.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Are you supposed to take a gift to an engagement party? The couple has been living together. They just got engaged and are planning a wedding in two years.

ANA MARIE IN TEXAS

**DEAR ANA MARIE: A gift would be a nice gesture. It doesn't have to be lavish -- a lovely frame for their engagement picture would be thoughtful, because a wedding is now in the picture.**

*Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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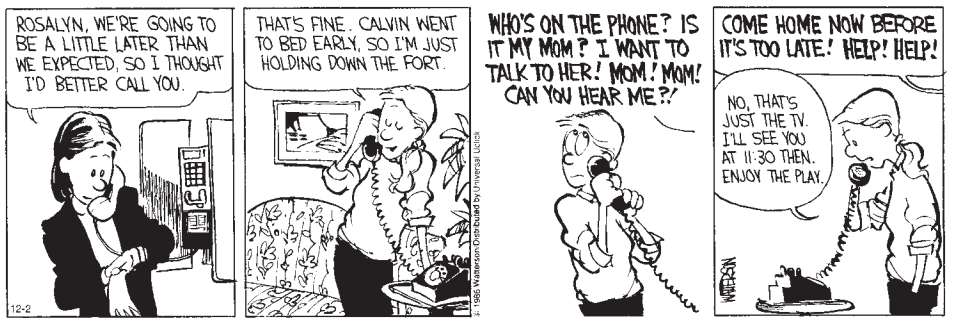
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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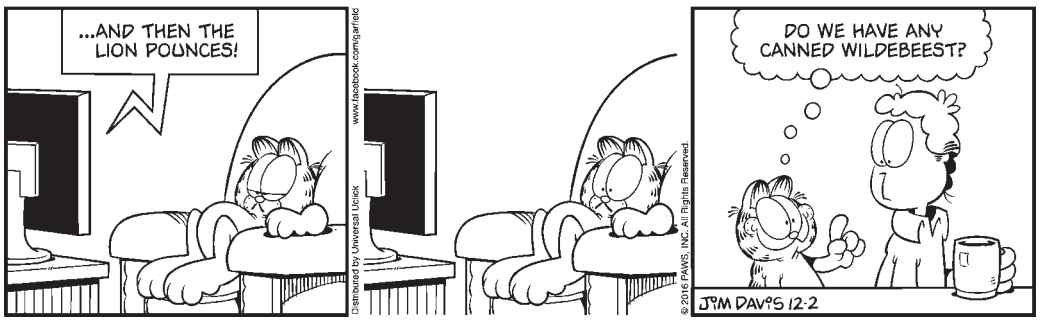
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis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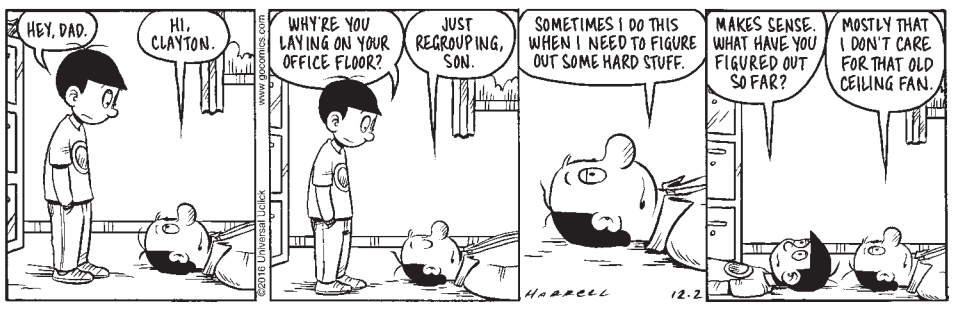
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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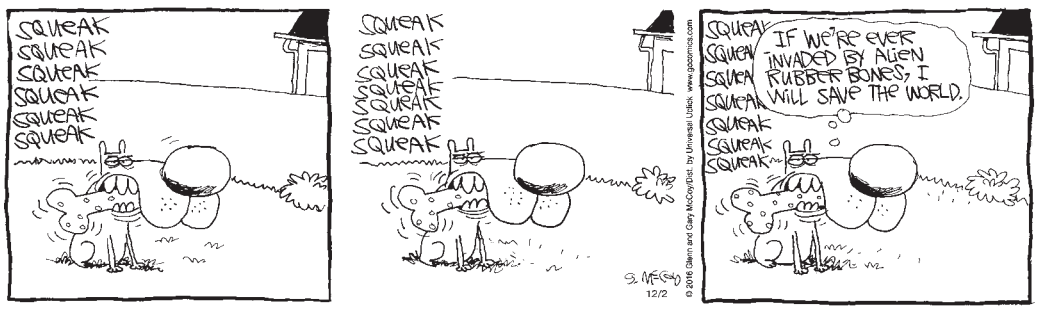
## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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37 Moulin Rouge dance
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45 Lima's land
48 Polynesian island
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52 Klutz
53 Basketball tactic
54 Cravats
55 Bygone jet

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3 Prego rival
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9 Curvy letter
10 Actress Tyler
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16 Director Welles
20 Young bloke
23 Implement
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26 Dealer's foe
27 Draft status
28 Lunch hour
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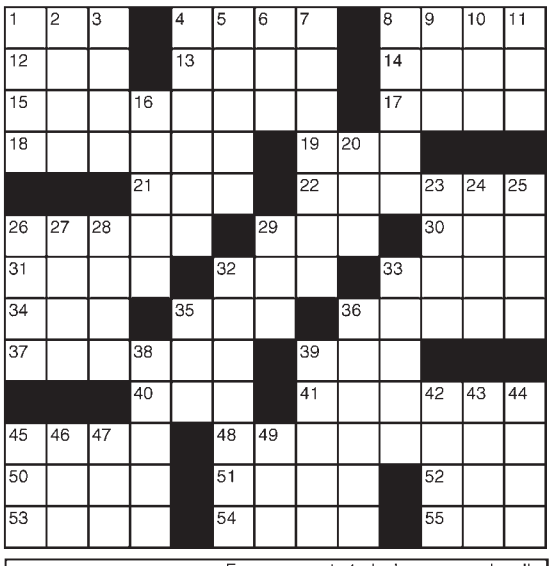

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Personal problems will interfere with your work if you don't take better care of your emotional and physical well-being. Keep your life simple by attending to your basic needs. A partnership situation will be in your best interest. ✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Do what comes naturally to you. If you try to push something you don't agree with or believe in, you will fall short. Adapt whatever you do to fit your lifestyle and you will make an honest impression on someone. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Temptation can be daunting if you believe you will be left behind if you don't sign up. Time is on your side, so reject any deals that are not in your best interest. Bide your time and something better will come along. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Let the talks begin. If you want to structure a change to the way you do things or how you choose to live, now is a great time to air your thoughts and consider the feedback offered from a reliable source. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your desire to make a sudden move could lead to conflicts. Do your best to take a patient approach before you agree to take part in something volatile. Take care of your physical and emotional well-being. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Avoid getting involved in joint ventures or get-rich-quick schemes. Attend an event that will allow you to network and socialize at the same time. You'll attract someone with your common sense and detailed plans. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll face opposition at home if you are spending too much time taking care of outside business. Turn your focus toward what needs to be done to keep the peace before a small issue turns into major conflict. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Refrain from getting sucked into other people's problems. Do your best to stick to your own plans and focus on getting ahead. Ulterior motives may be behind someone's emotional manipulation. Don't give in to bullying. ✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Consider all the angles before you get involved in a joint venture. Don't let an emotional plea put you in a precarious position. Protect your home and family from any situation that is unpredictable. Don't invest in someone else's scheme. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Do something that will make you feel good. Getting into a workout routine or updating the way you look will give you the boost you need to take on new and exciting challenges. Don't give in to emotional manipulation. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Hidden facts could impede your ability to make a good decision. Time is on your side, so sit back and work on projects that offer the highest return until you see concrete evidence that your interests are worthwhile. ✪✪✪

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**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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# Westbrook has triple-double as Thunder top Wizards in OT

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP)—For more than 47 minutes, Russell Westbrook could barely hit a shot.

For the next 5-plus minutes, he rarely missed.

Oklahoma City's fearless star was 7 for 28 from the field before he drained a 3-pointer late in regulation that forced overtime. He followed that by scoring 14 of his 35 points in the extra period to help the Thunder defeat the Washington Wizards 126-115 on Wednesday night.

"Never stop believing in yourself and your capabilities of doing what you're able to do on the basketball floor," Westbrook said.

Bradley Beal, who led the Wizards with 31 points, couldn't believe Westbrook hit the shot with 8.5 seconds remaining. It was the only 3-pointer he made in six tries.

"I felt like I did a great job of cutting him off to the basket," Beal said. "He wasn't making any jumpers all game. The only 3 he makes is the one to go into overtime."

Westbrook was 4 of 6 from the field and 6 for 6 on free throws in the extra period. He finished with 14 rebounds and 11 assists for his fourth straight triple-double, his ninth this season and the 46th of his career. The Thunder have won all four games during his triple-double streak, and he heads into December averaging a triple-double through 20 games this season.

Former Thunder coach Scott Brooks returned as Washington's coach, and the Oklahoma City crowd greeted him warmly. Brooks coached the Thunder for seven years and led them to the Western Conference Finals three times and the NBA Finals once.

"I'm humbled that they did that for me, and I appreciate it," Brooks said. "I'm glad they came out and supported their team and showed kind of what we did throughout the years."

John Wall had 15 points and 15 assists and Marcin Gortat added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards, who had won three of four.

The Thunder led by 16 early in the second quarter and were up 60-53 at halftime. A block by Domantas Sabonis led to a fast-break dunk by Steven Adams that put the Thunder up 74-62 in the third quarter and prompted Brooks to call a timeout. The Wizards closed the quarter strong and tied the score at 84 heading into the fourth.

The Wizards took control before the Thunder rallied. A 3-pointer and a dunk by Victor Oladipo cut Washington's lead to one, and the assist on the dunk gave Westbrook his triple-double.

Washington's Otto Porter missed a short fadeaway at the end of regulation that would have won the game, and then Westbrook took over.

"I thought we did a good job until overtime on Westbrook," Brooks said. "He's hard to stop. He's a terrific basketball player playing at a high level - another triple-double - but I thought we did a pretty good job of containing him most of the night."

AP

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) reacts after shooting a 3-pointer against the Washington Wizards during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016.

### Knicks 106, Timberwolves 104

In Minneapolis, Kristaps Porzingis had 29 points and eight rebounds in a thrilling duel with Karl-Anthony Towns, helping New York beat Minnesota.

Carmelo Anthony capped a quiet night with a game-winning 18-footer over Andrew Wiggins with 2.3 seconds to play, helping the Knicks avoid what would have been an epic collapse in the fourth quarter.

Towns had a career-high 47 points and 18 rebounds for the Wolves, who tied the game in the final minute after trailing by 17 with 7:30 to play.

But Porzingis threw Gorgui Dieng aside for a putback slam and Anthony tipped the inbounds pass on Minnesota's final possession to thwart the comeback.

### Lakers 96, Bulls 90

In Chicago, Julius Randle made a strong move against Nikola Mirotic for a tiebreaking layup with 45.1 seconds left, and Los Angeles held off Chicago for a gritty victory.

Randle had 13 points and matched a career high with 20 rebounds as Los Angeles bounced back from an ugly 105-88 loss at New Orleans on Tuesday night. Lou Williams and Jordan Clarkson scored 18 points apiece, and Larry Nance Jr. finished with 12 points and 11 boards.

Randle's drive and layup gave Los Angeles a 92-90 lead. After Jimmy Butler missed on the other side for Chicago, Williams went 1 for 2 at the line with 20 seconds to go.

### Spurs 94, Mavericks 87

In Dallas, Patty Mills scored 15 of his team-high 23 points in the fourth quarter and Kawhi Leonard added 21 points, helping San Antonio rally over Dallas.

San Antonio became just the third team to start the season 11-0 on the road, following last year's Warriors (14-0) and the 1969-70 Knicks (12-0).

Wesley Matthews had a season-high 26 points for the Mavericks, and Harrison Barnes added 17.

Dallas had a 60-47 lead in the third quarter after a 13-0 run in which the Spurs went 13 consecutive possessions and nearly seven minutes without a point.

The Mavericks still led by eight with seven minutes to play, but Mills hit his first of three huge 3s in the quarter to start an 11-2 run.

### Raptors 120, Grizzlies 105

In Toronto, Kyle Lowry had 29 points and eight assists, DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Toronto ended Memphis' six-game road winning streak.

Cory Joseph added 16 points off the bench for the Raptors, who defeated Memphis for the third straight time and for the sixth time in their last seven meetings. It was the fourth straight victory overall for the Raptors, their longest winning streak of the season.

Andrew Harrison had 21 points and Troy Daniels added 19 off the bench for the injury-riddled Grizzlies, who were missing six regulars. Among the absent is star Mike Conley, who was ruled out for at least six weeks Tuesday with fractured vertebrae in his lower back.

### Pistons 121, Celtics 114

In Boston, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 25 points and Tobias Harris had 21 to lead balanced scoring that carried Detroit over Boston.

Andre Drummond added 20 points and 17 rebounds, one night after he was ejected in the second quarter of a victory at Charlotte for a flagrant-2 foul.

Isaiah Thomas paced the Celtics with 27 points, and Kelly Olynyk scored a season-high 19. Boston had won five of seven.

Marcus Morris had 20 points and Ish Smith 19 for the Pistons, who had lost eight of their first nine road games before winning away from home on consecutive nights.

### Heat 106, Nuggets 98

In Denver, Hassan Whiteside had another big game with 25 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks to lift Miami over Denver.

Wayne Ellington scored 22 points and Tyler Johnson had 18 points and seven assists for Miami in his return after missing one game. Goran Dragic had 16 points and seven assists for the Heat, who have more wins on the road (four) than at home (two).

Nikola Jokic had 17 points and 14 rebounds off the bench for Denver, outscored 31-18 in the fourth quarter.

Miami went on an 11-0 run early in the fourth to take the lead for good. Ellington hit four 3-pointers in the period and his last one put the Heat up 10 with 2:25 left.

### Trail Blazers 131, Pacers 109

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard had 28 points and 10 assists to help Portland beat Indiana and former coach Nate McMillan.

Maurice Harkless added 23 points for the Trail Blazers, who led by as many as 28 in their fifth consecutive victory over the Pacers.

Portland had lost six of eight overall.

Jeff Teague led Indiana with 25 points, while Myles Turner had 19 points and 10 rebounds. It was the first of a five-game road swing for the Pacers, who had won two straight. They were without All-Star Paul George for the third consecutive game and seventh overall due to a sore left ankle.

### Suns 109, Hawks 107

In Phoenix, Brandon Knight scored 23 points off the bench and Phoenix reserves combined for 54 as the Suns held off slumping Atlanta thanks to a key fourth-quarter run.

Eric Bledsoe's bank shot with 28.4 seconds left gave the Suns a 104-99 lead and all but sealed Atlanta's fourth consecutive defeat.

Jared Dudley and P.J. Tucker added 17 points apiece for the Suns, who had lost four of five.

Leandro Barbosa made baskets on three straight possessions midway through the fourth quarter to give Phoenix an 89-84 advantage, part of an 11-0 run.

The Hawks cut it to 96-95 with 2:50 to play on Thabo Sefolosha's 17-footer, but the Suns held on. Dennis Schroder scored 14 of his 31 points in the fourth.

### 76ers, Kings, ppd

In Philadelphia, a scheduled game between Sacramento and Philadelphia was postponed by the NBA because of condensation on the court at the Wells Fargo Center.

The game, which was slated to start at 7 p.m., was called off at 8:03 p.m. A makeup date was not immediately announced.

The Philadelphia Flyers hosted an NHL game at the arena Tuesday night and the ice surface remained under the basketball court—standard procedure at the Wells Fargo Center. However, Wednesday was an unseasonably warm, humid day for late November in Philadelphia, and it likely affected the surface.

## Emergency eye surgery makes Zimmer uncertain for Thursday

**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Zimmer underwent emergency eye surgery Wednesday night, putting his status in question for the team's game against Dallas.

Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said Zimmer was uncertain to recover in time for the matchup Thursday night against the league-leading Cowboys. Spielman said he'd met with coaches and players to put a contingency plan in place in case Zimmer is unable to coach.

Zimmer, who got his start in the NFL as an assistant with the Cowboys in 1994 and spent 13 years with the organization, has yet to face Dallas in the regular season as a head coach. The Vikings and Cowboys played last year in the preseason.

The Vikings said Spielman wouldn't be available for further comment until Thursday morning, but they have two former head coaches on staff in offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur (Cleveland) and offensive line coach Tony Sparano (Miami).

The news came about a month after the 60-year-old Zimmer first experienced trouble with his right eye. He complained of vision problems a couple of days before the Oct. 31 contest at Chicago and scratched the eye inadvertently during that game. That prompted team doctors to send him for further examination, which led to a diagnosis of a torn retina.

# MLB players, owners reach tentative labor deal

**IRVING, Texas** (AP)—Baseball players and owners reached a tentative agreement on a five-year labor contract Wednesday night, a deal that will extend the sport's industrial peace to 26 years since the ruinous fights in the first two decades of free agency.

After days of near round-the-clock talks, negotiators reached a verbal agreement about 3 1/2 hours before the expiration of the current pact. Then they worked to draft a memorandum of understanding, which must be ratified by both sides.

"It's great! Another five years of uninterrupted baseball," Oakland catcher Stephen Vogt said in a text message.

In announcing the agreement, Major League Baseball and the players' association said they will make specific terms available when drafting is complete.

"Happy it's done, and baseball is back on," Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brandon McCarthy said.

As part of the deal, the luxury tax threshold rises from $189 million to $195 million next year, $197 million in 2018, $206 million in 2019, $209 million in 2020 and $210 million in 2021, a person familiar with the agreement told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been signed.

Tax rates increase from 17.5 percent to 20 percent for first offenders, remain at 30 percent for second offenders and rise from 40 percent to 50 percent for third offenders. There is a new surtax of 12 percent for teams $20 million to $40 million above the threshold, 42.5 percent for first offenders more than $40 million above the threshold and 45 percent for subsequent offenders more than $40 million above.

Union head Tony Clark, presiding over a negotiation for the first time, said in a statement the deal "will benefit all involved in the game and leaves the game better for those who follow."

A key component is changes to the qualifying offer a club can make to a player who left it to become a free agent, which was $17.2 million this year. If a player turns down the offer and signs elsewhere, his new team forfeits an amateur draft pick, which usually had been in the first round under the old deal.

A player can receive a free-agent qualifying offer only once in his career under the new rules and will have 10 days to consider it instead of seven. A club signing a player who failed to accept a qualifying offer would lose its third-highest amateur draft pick if it is a revenue-sharing receiver, its second- and fifth-highest picks (plus a loss of $1 million in its international draft pool) if it pays luxury tax for the just-ended season, and its second-highest pick (plus $500,000 in the international draft pool) if it is any other team.

A club losing a free agent who declined a qualifying offer would receive an extra selection after the first round of the next draft if the player signed a contract for $50 million or more and after the competitive balance B round if under $50 million. However, if that team pays luxury tax, the extra draft pick would drop to after the fourth round.

Among other details:

■ For a team $40 million or more in excess of the luxury tax threshold, its highest selection in the next amateur draft will drop 10 places.

■ While management failed to obtain an international draft of amateurs residing outside the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada, it did get a hard cap on each team's annual bonus pool for those players starting at $4.75 million for the signing period that starts next July 2.

■ There is no change to limits on active rosters, which remain at 25 for most of the season and 40 from Sept. 1 on.

■ Smokeless tobacco will be banned for all players who currently do not have at least one day of major league service.

■ The regular season will expand from 183 days to 187 starting in 2018, creating four more scheduled off days. There are additional limitations on the start time of night games on getaway days.

■ The minimum salary rises from $507,500 to $535,000 next year, $545,000 in 2018 and $555,000 in 2019, with cost-of-living increases the following two years; the minor league minimum for a player appearing on the 40-man roster for at least the second time goes up from $82,700 to $86,500 next year, $88,000 in 2018 and $89,500 in 2019, followed by cost-of-living raises.

■ The drop-off in slot values in the first round of the amateur draft will be lessened.

■ Oakland's revenue-sharing funds will be cut to 75 percent next year, 50 percent in 2018, 25 percent in 2019 and then phases out.

-As part of the drug agreement, there will be increased testing, players will not be credited with major league service time during suspensions, and biomarker testing for HGH will begin next year.

Negotiators met through most of Tuesday night in an effort to increase momentum in the talks, which began during spring training. This is the third straight time the sides reached a new agreement before expiration, but a deal was struck eight weeks in advance of expiration in 2006 and three weeks ahead of expiration in 2011.

Talks took place at a hotel outside Dallas where the players' association held its annual executive board meeting.

Clark, the first former player to serve as executive director of the union, and others set up in a meeting room within earshot of a children's choir practicing Christmas carols. A man dressed as Santa Claus waited nearby.

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At left, in a March 17, 2015, file photo, Major League Baseball Players Association executive and former Detroit Tigers first baseman Tony Clark talks to the media before a spring training exhibition baseball game in Lakeland, Fla. At right, in a May 19, 2016, file photo, Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred speaks to reporters during a news conference at Major League Baseball headquarters in New York. Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving, Texas, in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016.

## AP source: smokeless tobacco banned for new major leaguers

**IRVING, Texas** (AP)—A person familiar with the negotiations says Major League Baseball and its players' union agreed to ban smokeless tobacco for all new big leaguers.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday night because the ban is among the details of the sport's new collective bargaining agreement that have not been announced.

The ban does not apply to any player who already has at least one day of major league service. In addition, several cities have banned the use of smokeless tobacco in ballparks, including Boston; Chicago; Los Angeles; New York; San Francisco; and Washington, D.C. The Milwaukee City Council approved a ban last week.

In the minor leagues, where players are not unionized, smokeless tobacco has been banned since 1993.

As part of the 2012-16 labor agreement, the union agreed that players may not carry tobacco packages and tins in their back pockets when fans are permitted in the ballpark, and players may not use tobacco during pregame or postgame interviews, and at team functions.

# Father and son headline men's 3.0 doubles field

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Randy and Richard Steele are seeded first in the men's 3.0 doubles event in the 8th Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic, which will have its second and final week of competition beginning today at the various hotel courts on Saipan.

The father-and-son tandem, which finished second in the same division last year, will be pitted against the winner in the Friday match between the pairs of Rintaro Miyawaki and Go Sekiguchi and A.J. Hudkins and Alex Park. Park topped last year's championship with Clayton Izuka, who will also join the event this year with new partner Christopher Aninzo. Izuka and Aninzo will duel the debuting Sun Joon Tenorio and the returning Michael Jones this Friday with the victor battling Allan Lee and Sam Ryu in the semifinals.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Richard Steele will team up with his father Randy in the men's doubles 3.0 singles event in the TanHoldings Tennis Classic this weekend.

In the men's over 50 doubles, the pairs of Ken Imaya and Brian Wessel and David Lai and Eddie Wu are the Top 2 seeds. Also playing in the division are Neo Masinda/Diony Peralta; Feel Kalen/Gary Ramsey; Roy Banados/George Poquiz; and Jorge Olanda/Boboy Sergio.

Imaya will also compete in the men's 4.0 doubles with Don Castillo and they are seeded second in the field. Sam Lai and Dong Min Lee are the top-ranked players, while the duos of Banados/Art Lopez, Joe Quitugia/Wessel, and Eric Abragan/Mihai Leta complete the division.

In the women's doubles 4.0, there are only three entries in Isabel Heras/Conatsu Kaga, Mizuyo Otobe/Chie Sato, and Malika Miyawaki/Tania Tan. In the mixed doubles 5.0, Heras will join forces with coach Jeff Race and they will play in a round-robin contest against Wendi Herring/Martin Jambor and Carol Lee/Steve Goodwin.

## FAST

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race. We'll see on Saturday."

Morales is coming off fresh from his Mindanao leg victory in this year's Ronda Pilipinas, that also makes him no pushover. He joined Galedo and Team Forza members in testing the race route in Marpi, from the Radar Station to the dreaded Four Corners—Banzai and Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, and Grotto.

"The elevation is almost similar to Baguio and the roads are like Olongapo. I just noticed that you need to be careful in the curves and there are also some areas that have gravel road. We must also expect the headwind," said Morales.

Japan's Ryutaro Nakamura, last year's champion, is also a cyclist to watch for. He will be arriving today.

# Sai Sei's Reyes takes solo lead; Camacho, Sakisat still tied

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Sai Sei's Justin Reyes is alone at the top of the batting leaderboard, while the Papa Bears's Paul Camacho and the BSI Aces' Mel Sakisat are still in the deadlock for the pitching lead in the 2016 Masters Baseball League.

Reyes, who tied the GSM Masters' Jerry Ayuyu for the batting lead last week, now owns the solo lead after going 9-for-12 and averaging .750 in four games. He edged Ayuyu after hitting 3-for-4 in their 11-21 loss to the Old Stars last week, while the latter was booted out of the Top 15 as the GSM Masters (1-1) did not see action in the last three playing days of the league.

The Old Stars' Jess Mesa, who was third last week, moved up to fourth with his .615 batting average and 8-for-13 performance at bat. Rubak's Theo Minor (.600/6-for-10), the BSI Aces' John Acosta (.555/5-for-9/), and Papa Bears' Bob Lizama (.545/6-for-11) rounded out the Top 5.

Also on the leaderboard are the Old Stars' Manny Cabrera (.533), Sai Sei's Ota Nabeyuke (.500), the Papa Bears' Mike Muna (.500), the Old Stars' Randall Aguon (.444), Rubak's Chel Castro (.444), Sai Sei's Taylor Germance (.438), and the Old Stars' George David (.400), Ben Tagabuel (.400), and Tom Camacho (.364). The batting leaders were based on nine or more times at bat

In the pitching race, Paul Camacho and Sakisat are still perfect with similar 0.00 ERA. Camacho did not give up a single run in 7.1 innings he pitched for the Papa Bears (1-3), while Sakisat had the same feat in six innings with the BSI Aces.

Ben Duenas, also of the BSI Aces, kept the third spot with its 2.10 ERA (three runs allowed in 10 innings pitched), and was followed by Sai Sei's Darwin Masaharu (.233), Minor (2.63), the GSM Masters' John Diaz (3.66), and the Old Stars' Bill Camacho (3.96).

Bill Camacho has the most strikeouts so far, adding nine more in their win over the Papa Bears last Wednesday night to bring his total in four games to 16. Bill has overtaken Paul Camacho, who has eight so far to tie Sakisat. Diaz and Duenas have seven apiece, while the Papa Bears' Nick Reyes has registered six so far.

In the runs category, James Fleming and Tagabuel gave the Old Stars the Top 2 spot after posting 14 and 11, respectively, while Nabeyuke and Manny Cabrera have 10 apiece. Old Stars players are ahead in two more divisions with George David having the most doubles so far (3) and Mesa logging the most RBIs (8).

## GOLDEN

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Golden Racquets prevailed in the games that took place on Court 2, 13-8, to nose out Shirley's in the overall team standings after the round-robin elimination.

Cheng Saturno and Myla Vicencio handed Golden Racquets its first win after they swept Vilma Reyes and Baby Banadera in the women's BC doubles on Court 1, 21-13, 21-18. After dropping its first match, Shirley's went on to take the next four—men's AA, men's BB, mixed BB, and men's AB doubles.

In the men's AA doubles, Ferdie Arago and Daniel Macario topped Jordan Pangilinan and Dick Guinto, 21-13, 21-15; Chris Hilario and Jeff Riman defeated Alvin Alvarez and Joel Ortega, 21-14, 21-17 in the men's BB; Hilario and Windy Fernandez outclassed Alma and Joel Ortega in the mixed BB, 21-13, 21-19; and Riman and Macario beat Pangilinan and Jerry Ebuenga in the men's AB, 21-19, 21-14.

In the women's AB doubles, Golden Racquets regained its winning form when Alma and Jen Savellano swept Reyes and Jaja Bocago, 21-16, 21-19, while Vic Reyes and A.J. Ortega took three games to thwart Shirley's Patrick Fernandez and Erwin Lee in the men's BC doubles, 21-18, 22-24, 21-7. The mixed B doubles also went the distance with Banadera and Oh Im Bog outlasting Noli Santos and Vicencio, 21-17, 17-21, 21-9.

In the mixed AB doubles, Shirley's Hannah Choi and Hajin Oh took the short route to victory against Deether Edralin and Rowena Sison, 21-13, 21-16. Choi played back-to-back games, teaming up with Annette Ta in outlasting Janelle Pangilinan and Anna Alvarez in the women's AA doubles, 10-21, 21-18, 21-13. In the women's C doubles, Vicencio and Roxanne Soriano eased past Kathy Distor and Emma Pinkerton, 21-14, 21-9.

Meanwhile, Shirley's and Golden Racquet's title showdown will take place this weekend, while the battle for third place between the Alamo/Armatech-backed United Badminton Club (67-68) and Taga Badminton Club (27-108) will continue this Friday.

## KANOA

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minutes later. Bagsic made it back-to-back when he converted a shot in the 27th minute, while Espana upped the lead to 4-0 with his goal in the 31st. Shirley's (3-1-3) avoided a shutout when Tan lit up the board in the 34th minute, while Omelau closed out for Kanoa with his second goal with just a minute left before the 80-minute match wrapped up.

In other results in Division B, the Thundercats and Dragon FC also won their last match of the season.

The Thundercats stunned erstwhile undefeated CNMI Boys U16 National Team, 6-2, while Dragon FC edged the CNMI Women's National Team, 7-6.

Timothy Tawanpiy and Josh Kim logged two goals apiece for the Thundercats, while Don Cabrera netted a penalty kick, and Hyun Jun Chung contributed one goal in the easy victory. Anthony Fruit registered both goals for the NMI U16.

Fruit drew first blood with his shot in the 28th minute, but the Thundercats quickly equalized off Tawanpiy's goal a minute later. The Thundercats went on to take a 3-1 halftime advantage, thanks to Cabrera's penalty shot and Chung's goal in the 32nd and 40th minute, respectively. Tawanpiy made it a 4-1 lead when he found the back of the net right in the second minute of the final half, while Kim knocked in back-to-back goals (55th and 63rd minute). Fruit got his second goal in the closing minutes of the game.

With the upset, the Thundercats finished the season at third place with its 3-1-3 record. NMI U16 came in at second in the team standings with its 5-1-1 mark.

Dragon FC avoided the cellar after barging into the win column following its close victory against the CNMI Women's National Team (0-1-5). Before the victory, Dragon FC dropped its first six games.

Qi Wei Wang lifted Dragon FC to its first victory after firing six goals. Feng Yu recorded the other goal for Dragon FC. Sarah Allen had six goals for the CNMI Women's National Team, while Diana Maniacop chipped in two.

Meanwhile, MP United got a free win last Sunday after Korean Football Association on Saipan failed to field enough players for the game. With the easy victory, MP United finished Division A on top with its 7-0-0 slate.

MP United edged TanHoldings, which concluded the season with a 6-0-1 mark following its 3-0 triumph over Paire last weekend. Mareko Tekopua, Martin Jambor, and Sean Perez scored one goal apiece for TanHoldings.

In the other Division A game, Sun Palace settled for a draw against Matansa, 1-1. Sun Palace failed to close out the match with a victory after Matansa's Hoin Ryu hit the equalizer in the 77th minute. Earlier in the 62nd minute, Guangzhi Jin gave Sun Palace the shaky lead.

With the draw, Sun Palace wrapped up the season with a 2-2-3 card for third place in the team standings, while Matansa dropped to fifth with its 1-1-6 mark. Paire (2-1-4) took the fourth spot, while KFAS was ranked last with its 1-0-5 slate.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 12 | 6 | .667 | — |
| Boston | 10 | 8 | .556 | 2 |
| New York | 9 | 9 | .500 | 3 |
| Brooklyn | 5 | 12 | .294 | 6½ |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 14 | .222 | 8 |

**Southeast Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charlotte | 10 | 8 | .556 | — |
| Atlanta | 10 | 9 | .526 | ½ |
| Orlando | 7 | 11 | .389 | 3 |
| Washington | 6 | 11 | .353 | 3½ |
| Miami | 6 | 12 | .333 | 4 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 13 | 3 | .813 | — |
| Chicago | 10 | 7 | .588 | 3½ |
| Milwaukee | 8 | 8 | .500 | 5 |
| Detroit | 10 | 10 | .500 | 5 |
| Indiana | 9 | 10 | .474 | 5½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 15 | 4 | .789 | — |
| Houston | 11 | 7 | .611 | 3½ |
| Memphis | 11 | 8 | .579 | 4 |
| New Orleans | 7 | 12 | .368 | 8 |
| Dallas | 3 | 14 | .176 | 11 |

**Northwest Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma City | 12 | 8 | .600 | — |
| Utah | 11 | 8 | .579 | ½ |
| Portland | 10 | 10 | .500 | 2 |
| Denver | 7 | 11 | .389 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 13 | .278 | 6 |

**Pacific Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden State | 16 | 2 | .889 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 14 | 5 | .737 | 2½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 10 | 10 | .500 | 7 |
| Sacramento | 7 | 11 | .389 | 9 |
| Phoenix | 6 | 13 | .316 | 10½ |

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# 2016-2017 COPSSA Volleyball League Playoffs

**PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

Grace Christian Academy 1's Duane Torres bumps the ball, while teammate Hye Jin Elliot tries to help out during the first set of their semis game against Mt. Carmel School 1 in the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League held late last month at the GCA court on Navy Hill.

A Seventh Day Adventist player makes a return.

Two Saipan International School 1 players go for the ball.

Mt. Carmel School 1's Cody Foreman stops the ball, while his teammates looks on.

Grace Christian Academy 1's Sebastian Camacho spikes the ball.

Grace Christian Academy 1 coach Cesar Libut talks to his players during a timeout.

Seventh Day Adventist players and their coach huddle during a break in their playoff match against Saipan International School 1 at the Geckos court in As Lito.

A Mt. Carmel School 1 player attempts a return near the net.

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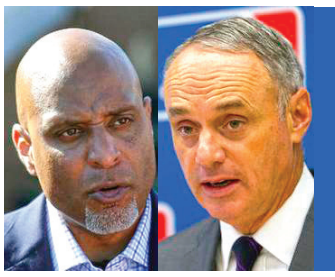

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# Kanoa, MP United reign supreme

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Kanoa Football Club and MP United FC earned perfect records in the fall season of the M-League en route to topping their respective divisions.

Kanoa finished first in Division B after posting a 7-0-0 win-draw-loss record. It completed its flawless run this season after easing past Shirley's FC, 5-1, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Saixian Bagsic and Andruw Omelau powered Kanoa to victory in its last game after scoring two goals apiece. Rodwealth Espana chipped in one, while Shirley's drew its lone goal from Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan.

Omelau found his target early when he hit the board in the sixth minute, while Bagsic got his first 11

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Kanoa Football Club's Ruselle Zapanta, right, dribbles past the Thundercats' Norman Camacho during an earlier Division B game in the M-League. Kanoa finished the fall season with an unbeaten 7-0-0 win-draw-loss record.

# Fast, Galedo to eye each other

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Konstantin Fast and Mark Galedo will be keeping an eye on each other when they compete in the 10th staging of the Hell of the Marianas Century Bike Race tomorrow. Both pro-cyclists, by the way, know each of their strengths and weaknesses after racing with their respective teams in several Asian events.

Fast, the 2014 HOM champion, is now based in the resort city of Pattaya in Thailand for being a member of the Singha Infinite Cycling Team, while Philippine bet Galedo suits up for 7-Eleven-Sava Roadbike Philippines.

The Russian cyclist said that he doesn't want to underestimate Galedo's caliber despite having the advantage of knowing the entire course. "I have competed against him for three years now. I just hope I can stick with my game plan since I know the level of Filipino cyclists."

"I know Mark is a strong rider and he is strong in the climbs. I have a good idea on how good he is in races since our teams compete in the same races in Asia," added Fast, who has been living in Pattaya for more than four years now.

Galedo said he informed other members of the Philippine delegation that Fast could give them a hard time on the racecourse. "He knows that I'm an all-around rider. That's why I informed the other Filipino cyclists that he could be a headache for us. He is an all-around threat that's why we don't need to be complacent."

JON PEREZ
From left, Filipino riders Mark Galedo, John Paul Morales, and Joe Miller make the climb toward Radar Station when they tried the Hell of the Marianas race course almost nine hours after arriving on Saipan yesterday.

Philippine Navy-Standard Insurance Cycling team's John Paul Morales and Forza's Joe Miller, Glenn Gonzales, and Ian Solano are the other competing cyclists that would carry the Philippine flag on race day this Saturday.

Galedo added that they would know today who are the other cyclists that would be competing in the men's pro category. "We're just going to keep an eye on him [Fast]. As much as possible I want a Filipino rider to win."

Galedo, who ruled the 2012 Ronda Pilipinas and 2014 Le Tour de Filipinas, said he used the hill climbs of the Sierra Madre loop in Tanay and San Mateo in Rizal province in preparing for the HOM.

"I made some research on the Internet and studied the course layout of the

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# Golden Racquets, Shirley's set up title duel

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Golden Racquets and Shirley's Badminton Club took the finals berths in the 9th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament after finishing in the Top 2 in the elimination round of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association-organized competition.

Golden Racquets was ranked first in the four-team tournament after earning an 89-46 record. Shirley's settled for the No. 2 rankings with its 87-48 record despite eking out a 24-21 win in its first faceoff against the Golden Racquets over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's won the closely fought game that served as a final preview after gaining cushion in the matches held on Court 1, 16-8.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Shirley's Badminton Club's Oh Im Bog makes a backhand return during his and Windy Fernandez's doubles game against United Badminton Club in the Traders Insurance team tournament late last month at the TSL Sports Complex.